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# Celebrating 125 years

“The Nineties” 1990 to 1999

1897 – 2022

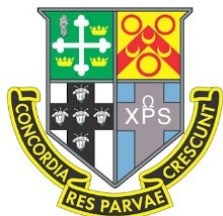
Clapham College

Clapham Old Xaverians



# 1. 125 Years of Clapham College

## The 1990s - last days of the Millennium



We start the decade as Clapham Old Xaverians, an Old Boys Association with no “feeder school”. Clapham College finally shut towards the end of the 1980s, the rump of the College had a small, decreasing roll and fewer boys joined COXA. It meant that the Old Boys looked to the feeder schools such as St Thomas the Apostle and Sacred Heart for young men to play football and cricket and eventually extend the life of Clapham Old Boys into the new Millennium. This did work in the short term with talented sportsmen from St Thomas’s and Sacred Heart joined COXA, but the flow eventually dried up and the club went “open” and for the first time in it’s 75 year history COXA accepted Members from outside a “feeder” set of Catholic schools. The dark spectre of the Old Boys “dying out” in the near future was contemplated, with the loss of support for the ground at Norbury and the possible loss of the ground altogether. Doom was on the horizon, yet unlike many other Old Boys Associations who folded, COXA seemed to go from strength to strength. The links with SFX and it’s Principals meant social events and the Remembrance Mass continued to run successfully. In 1997, the Thanksgiving Centenary celebrations of the Xaverians at Clapham, were some of the largest and most successful events ever. Against all the odds the Xaverian Association were to enter the new Millennium larger, more progressive and as successful as ever. Much of this was down to faithful and loyal members and a hard-working Committee.

1989 July - Final closure of Clapham College.

1993 April - St. Francis Xavier becomes part of further education sector.

1994 April - Mr. B. Borland, Principal of St. Francis Xavier.

1995 St Francis Xavier College celebrates its tenth anniversary.

2000 St Francis Xavier College celebrates record results and an autumn enrolment of

# CLAPHAM XAVERIANS

## 1897-1997



*Concordia res parvae crescunt*

**CENTENARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING**

**Friday, September 26th 1997**

**CENTENARY DINNER**

**Saturday, September 27th 1997**

at

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE  
MALWOOD ROAD, LONDON SW12**

# 3 1998 Invitation to the Centenary Buffet



The Clapham Old Xaverians' Association

## Reminder

54, Erskine Road,  
Sutton,  
Surrey,  
SM1 3BQ  
Tel: 0181 644 1803

20<sup>th</sup> July 1998

Dear Member,

Those of you who were present at the buffet following the Centenary Mass of Thanksgiving last September will know what an unforgettable occasion it was. Those of you who were not there don't know what you missed.

Whichever group you are in, you now have the chance either to repeat the experience or to find out what the fuss was about. We are having another buffet, to become, we hope, an annual occasion, in the dining hall of the St. Francis Xavier College, Malwood Road, on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 8 p.m.

Same caterer as last year, same magnificent buffet- Dressed Salmon, Marinated Crab Claws with Coriander and Chilli, New Zealand Mussels, Mediterranean Prawns, Dressed Honey Roast Lamb, Vegetarian Dishes and a selection of Salads. To finish, Chocolate Profiteroles, a selection of Gateaux, Cheese and Biscuits and all the beer and wine you can drink plus superb company for just £15 per head.

Needless to say, wives and girl friends are very welcome and why not bring along some of your old school mates, especially if they could not make it last year!

To book, please fill in the tear-off slip below and return it with your remittance to Brian Sanders who is organising the event.

Hurry - we expect this function to be very popular.

Yours sincerely,

Eddie O'Brien,  
Chairman

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**Please complete booking form below**

To: B. Sanders, 19 Limesford Rd. London, SE15 3 BX

I wish to reserve ..... place(s) at the COXA Buffet at the St. Francis Xavier College on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

I enclose a cheque,(payable to COXA).

Name:

Name of Guests:

Signed:

Date:

#### 4. The Mass of Celebration for 100 years of Xaverians on the Nightingale Lane site

##### MASS OF THANKSGIVING

##### CONCELEBRATED BY

The Rev. Fr. Michael Chandler, OFM Cap.

The Very Rev. John Condon, OFM Cap.

The Rev. Fr. Michael Creech, CSsR.

The Rev. Fr. Terence Creech, CSsR.

The Rev. Fr. James Cronin, LCL, MCL.

The Rev. Fr. Patrick Houlihan, WF.

The Rt. Rev. Mgr. Cyril Canon Murtagh.

The Rev. Fr. David O'Connell.

The Very Rev. Garry Canon Pierce.

The Rev. Fr. Anthony Richins, BA, FCP

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##### CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS' ASSOCIATION

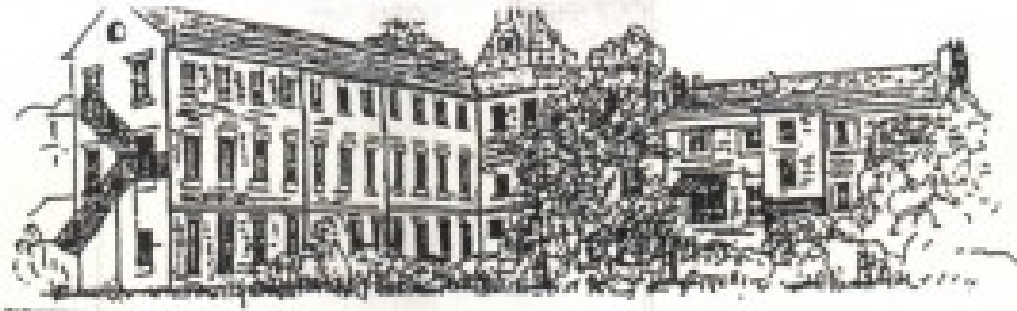
The Association has now been in existence for seventy years. Its aims, of necessity modified in recent years, are:

- To maintain friendly relations between Old Xaverians, the St. Francis Xavier Sixth Form College and the feeder schools.
- To assist the St. Francis Xavier Sixth Form College in all ways possible.
- To provide facilities for sporting, social, religious and other activities.

At present the Association runs seven football and three cricket teams and has a golf section. The football and cricket sections have annual tours at home and overseas. It plays annual football and cricket matches against the Sixth Form College, and has its own clubhouse at 37 County Road, Norbury CR7 8HN. The Association organises a yearly programme of social events and celebrates the Annual Mass in the chapel of the Sixth Form College every Remembrance Sunday.

**Bryan Snalune** became the 1st Principal of SFX in 1985, a Yorkshireman from Sheffield, started teaching 1960 at Wimbledon College. He taught French and Spanish. By the 1970s he had become Deputy Head. In 1977 he was appointed Headteacher of Bishop Thomas Grant School in Streatham. In the 1980s, a Diocesan Education Plan stated that there would be Catholic Sixth Form Colleges at Clapham College. Clapham College itself would move to Battersea, prior to closing. Bryan Snalune was appointed the first Principal of St Francis Xavier College, a position he held for ten years until retirement. Thanks to Bryan it became an outstanding Catholic Sixth Form college. His excellent work had been rewarded.

## 5. The Chairman's Lunch at the Surrey Oval, a major event in the Centenary Year



### *Clapham Xaverians 1897 - 1997*

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#### C.O.X.A. CHAIRMAN'S LUNCH

Dear

A lunch to celebrate the closure of our Centenary Year celebrations will be held in the Long Room at the Oval on Friday, January 30th. Lunch will be served at 1.00p.m. with the adjoining members' bar open from midday. The three-course meal with a half bottle of wine per person will cost £25. To make bookings please return the attached slip to me or contact any of the above-mentioned Centenary Committee members. You are invited to bring guests, especially former pupils of the College. All those who attended last year's function will highly recommend the lunch and early booking is advised to guarantee a place in this prestigious setting.

Happy new year.

*Brian Sanders*

Brian Sanders

## 6. Old Boys Roll of Honour & Old Boys honoured by the JFA

Brian F. H. Sanders  
18, Limesford Road,  
Moulton,  
London SE15 3RQ  
Tel. 071 826 4400



*Clapham Xaverians 1897 - 1997*

*October 1997*

*Dear Old Xaverian,*

*We were delighted that so many Old Boys were able to come to the Centenary festivities and we hope that you thoroughly enjoyed all that took place. The reactions from people we have spoken to seemed very enthusiastic.*

*We hope that you may want to keep the Centenary Year pot boiling by coming to our last two main events:*

- 1. The JFA Presentation to Don Adairhall and John Woodland on the 31<sup>st</sup> October at Nonsuch, starting at 8 o'clock.*
- 2. The Annual Mass on November the 9<sup>th</sup> at The College. This year a plaque will be presented to the College commemorating all of the Old Boys' who died in the Second World War.*

*We also hope that you will want to keep in touch with old friends and the easy way to do this is by joining the Association. Plenty of Personalise and news of our events, all for a fiver!*

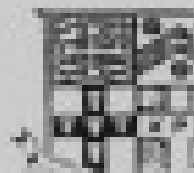
*Finally all of our functions tend to cost a fair amount of money and need to be subsidised, so if you would like to join the 400 Club it will help us to raise money for future functions- you may even manage to win!*

*We look forward to seeing you in the very near future.*

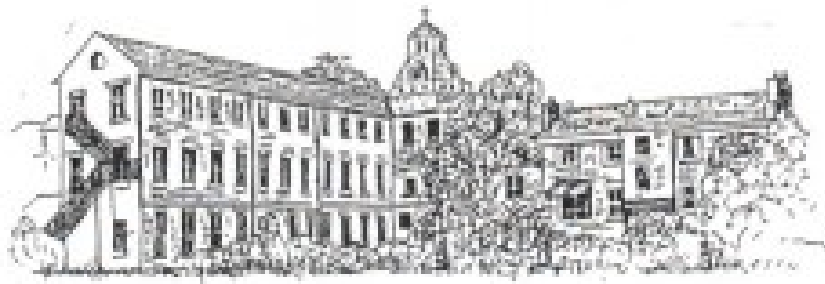
*Yours sincerely,*

*Brian Sanders*

*B. Sanders (Chairman)*



## 7. Exhibition of Clapham Old Boys Memorabilia at SFX



### *Clapham Xaverians 1897 - 1997*

Tel : 0171-639 4430

19 Limesford Road  
Nunhead  
London SE15 3BX

26 August 1997

Dear Old Xaverian,

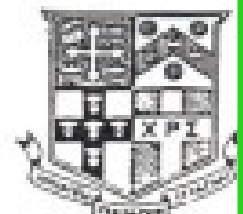
This letter is, amongst other things, a final reminder about our Centenary celebrations in September, the Mass of Thanksgiving to be celebrated in the St. Francis Xavier College chapel at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 26th and the Centenary Dinner in the College dining hall on Saturday 27th at 7.00 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.

Those of you who have not yet booked for these functions but would still like to do so are asked to contact me as soon as possible. For your information the following priests have accepted our invitation to concelebrate the Mass - Fr. John Cronin, Fr. Michael Chandler, Fr. Michael Creech, Fr. Terence Creech, Fr. James Cronin, Fr. Patrick Houlihan, Fr. Cyril Murtagh, Fr. Garry Pierce and Fr. Anthony Richins.

A list of those who have already made bookings for the dinner is attached. I would ask all of these to contact me again if (a) they wish to express preferences about seating arrangements and (b) if they have any special diet or vegetarian requirements. Again I would appreciate it if this could be done as soon as possible.

The exhibition of photographs, memorabilia, etc., illustrating aspects of the history of Clapham College and Clapham Old Xaverians Association will be held in a room in Broad Oak, the Brother's old house from Monday 22nd September to Saturday 27th, from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Monday to Thursday and from 6.00 p.m. till function time on Friday and Saturday. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those members who have made such interesting loans for the exhibition - it is still not too late to add to what we have.

And now to two other forthcoming events. We are proud to announce that Don Mulvihill and John Woollard have been awarded Long Service Awards by the Football Association in recognition of 50 years of service to football. The medals will be officially presented at our Clubhouse, County Road, Norbury on Friday 31st





8. Haberians at the 1997 Centenary Dinner



9. Xaverians celebrating the 100 Xaverian Years



10. More Xaverians raising a glass at the Centenary Dinner



11. Final set of Photos from Derek's celebration at Norbury



## 12. Letter from John Condon and 1990s Golfing Awards



Dear Brian,

Please excuse this very long delay in my thanking you for inviting me to attend the various Clapham Xaverian Centenary events. It was a great experience to get back in contact with my roots and so many people I'd not seen for so long. Thank you for all the hard work and commitment you and others on the various committees have shown over the years. Those of us who have disappeared out of sight for ages have benefited by your constancy!

I really enjoyed the two Masses I attended plus the buffet and Centenary Dinner. The quality of catering was excellent and a credit to all your hard work. Don't hesitate to let me know if I can help in any way.

Your brother,

*John Condon*

### MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

1989	T.PURCELL
1990	T.LONGWORTH
1991	B.BENEDICT
1992	E.KEARNS
1993	M.FITZGERALD
1994	E.TAGGART
1995	J.McGUIRE
1996	G.GORDON
1997	K.HOWARD
1998	T.O'SHEA
1999	D.LEATHEM
2000	P.TAGGART
2001	M.McLOUGHLIN
2002	E.KEARNS

### HACKER OF THE DAY

1988	M.BRIEN
1989	T.LONGWORTH
1990	DAVE O'SHEA
1991	E.KEARNS
1992	M.FITZGERALD
1993	M.BURKE
1994	T.O'SHEA
1995	T.O'SHEA
1996	T.O'SHEA
1997	T.O'SHEA
1998	P.TAGGART
1999	A.GRUNMAN
2000	D.LAWSON
2001	M.BURKE
2002	R.PRICE

13. 1994 Xaverians sponsor Queen's Park

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# **QUEEN'S PARK**

**VERSUS**

# **STENHOUSEMUIR**

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION**

**Saturday 5th March 1994**

**Kick-off 3.00pm**

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# 14. 1993 COXA Tribute Dream Team

## CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS'

LONDON OLD BOY LEAGUE CHAMPIONS 1992/1993

ANNOUNCE THEIR GREAT PLEASURE IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LATE, GREAT BOBBY MOORE, OBE, AT THE HOME OF SCOTTISH FOOTBALL

### DREAM MATCH LINE-UP

[C.O.X.F.C.]

MICK BURKE

DAVID LEATHEM

capt

COLIN GARVEY

VIC ROSZKOWSKI

DONALD "SCOTTY" MACDONALD

JIMMY BENNETT

WILLIE WHITEFIELD

ARTHUR WILLIAMS

TONY O'SHEA

FRANK JORDAN

SPENCER MCGUIRE

REFEREE

JOE MCMONAGLE

GUARDIAN PARK

JIMMY JOHNSTONE

DENIS LAW

CHARLIE COOKE

DON MASSON

JIM BAXTER

ARCHIE GEMMILL

KENNY DALGLISH

BOBBY MOORE

capt

DANNY MCGRAIN

BILLY BREMNER

ALAN ROUGH

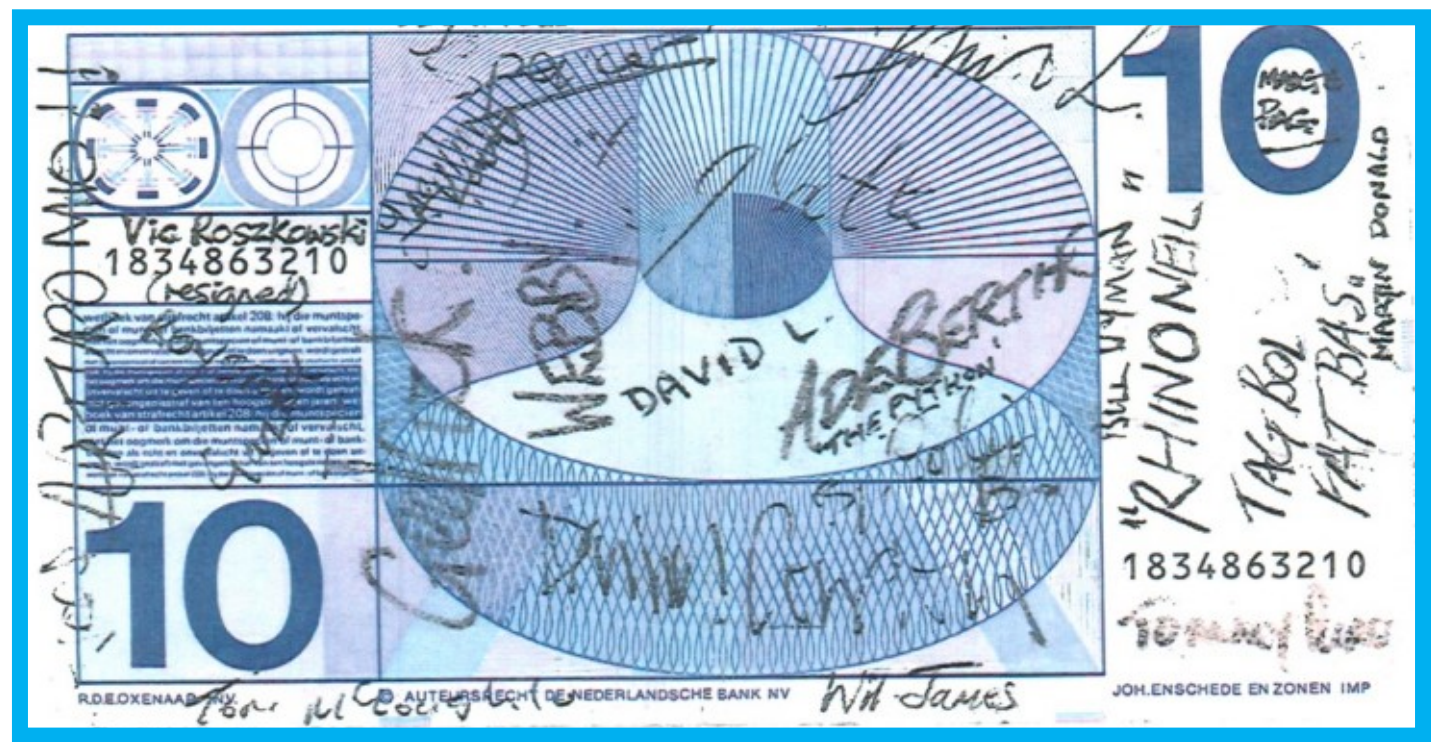
[SCOTLAND]

#### SUBSTITUTES

JOHN LEATHEM: C.O.X.F.C.

ALLY MCCOIST: SCOTLAND

15. "Signed Notes" from COXA Football Tours, only tourists and MOBAC can explain





## 16. 1991 - the Old Fogey's begin their 30 year journey

### OLD FOGEYS' CLUB

Of all the names - polite and not so polite - given to the group of more senior members of the Association who meet for a drink and a chat at Norbury, "Old Fogey's" seems to be the one that has stuck, and since none of the aforementioned gentlemen has raised any objection to it we'll stick with it for the time being.

Our meetings, now once every two months, instead of once a quarter, constitute what is probably one of the more consistent features of the Old Boys' social calendar. Our next gathering will, of course, take place on the occasion of the Annual Mass in the chapel of St Francis Xavier College at 11.0 am on Sunday 11th November, and afterwards in the club, when every member - not just the older ones - should make an effort to attend.

Meetings in 1991 are scheduled to happen at Norbury from about 9.0 pm on the following Friday evenings: **Jan 11, Mar 8, May 10, July 12, and Sep 13.** The Annual Mass in 1991 will be on Sunday 10 November.

It would be nice to report that our club is thriving. In fact, while we have a very regular band of stalwarts our numbers have hardly increased at all over the last couple of years. The reliables include Don Mulvihill, Maurice Ward, John Woollard, Nino Caraccio, the Cernuschis (all three of them), Harry Mellor, Del Cooper, Derek Rowe, Colin Garvey, Dave Slattery, Ted Newman, and Brian Sanders. Other visitors have included Denis Quin, John Noulton, Peter Brown, Doug Hadida, and Rudolph Massara.

We do put a very liberal interpretation on the word "old"; on one occasion, John Noulton brought his sons, and apart from lowering the average age somewhat they seemed to enjoy themselves. So, if you feel like an inexpensive night out, wallowing in nostalgia washed down with generous amounts of your favourite tippie (we now even lay on bar snacks as well), why not make a note of the above dates as soon as you get your 1991 diary and join us?

Brian Sanders

Notice is herewith given that the

C.O.X.A  
G  
M

Will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November, commencing at 8:00pm at  
Norbury Club House  
Followed by the C.O.X.A.Sports and Social AGM.

## 17. Br Ambrose writes on Br, Stephen R.I.P

Mayfield 872415  
(020 84351)

Xaverian Brothers  
Bradley House  
Little Troopers Lane  
Mayfield, E. Sussex  
TN30 6TA

8.3.81

Dear Brian,

Many thanks for your letter of sympathy. Many thanks for coming to be with us last Thursday and for bringing two more OMs (or was it vice versa?).

My desk is littered with papers (not news!), letters, sympathy and Mass cards. But I have sat down in the hot sunshine this afternoon and scribbled something about Bro. Stephen R.I.P. I surely have not done justice to him but if I waited until I waded through all the other "stuff" on my desk I probably would not have the courage to write another letter much less an obituary. So here it is. Best wishes!

Hastily but sincerely  
Yours  
Ambrose, C.F.X.

P.S. If you have had a Mass card signed please send it to me and when I think they have all arrived I will send them in a package to his poor sister. Don't worry if you haven't. Just pray for him, for her, and for us, please.

R.I.P.

### S t h F O R M C O L L E G E

Two cup wins in May this year rounded off a successful season for St Francis Xavier College's soccer team. Under the floodlights at the Metropolitan Police ground in East Molesey the team beat Albyn's School. The 3-1 victory gave them the Greater London Schools Cup for the second season running. Days earlier the team beat St Charles College from Lambrook Grove 2-0, to win the London Catholic Schools Cup. Congratulations to Tony Donovan, the team manager and sports tutor, who turns out regularly for the Association.

## CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS ASSOCIATION



*Be in touch with your friends*

*join your association*

- football teams
- cricket teams
- clubhouse

*- bar and social events.*

*(The clubhouse & bar available for hire)*



CONTACT

## 18. The Chairman's Report 1997

### Chairman's Report

*C.O.X.A.*

*A.G.M.*

*November 1997*

Those of you who, like me, were blessed with the advantage of a classical education, will understand when I say that this year's annual report is of a valedictory nature. (The rest of you will have to look it up when you get home!). While an annual report is, by definition, concerned with what has happened in the last 12 months, I cannot resist the temptation to look back, briefly, over the period during which it has been my privilege to be chairman of this Association, and to record, with a mixture of regret and relief, now that that period is drawing to a close, my impressions of the way the Association has functioned during that time. Inevitably, I find myself returning yet again to two themes which have dominated my reports in recent years. The first is of immense gratitude, which I express on behalf of the whole Association, to those members whose untiring efforts, week in week out, month after month - in many cases, year after year - have insured that our Association has not merely continued to function but has indeed prospered during what might have been a very difficult period in its history. The second theme, which has to be considered along side the first, is the worrying lack of new faces in positions of responsibility in the Association and particularly on the main committee, with one or two exceptions. As I am giving this report, there exists already or will shortly exist five major vacancies on the committee. Talk of "crisis" is perhaps a little pessimistic, especially when we have seen most of such vacancies filled and very ably filled, in the 70 years that this Association has existed. I hope and trust that among those of you listening to or reading these words, there will be some who feel willing and able to serve their Association in a very practical way.

I must, however, end this, my last report, on a positive note and this year in particular, it is so easy for me to do so. A year ago I looked forward to our Centenary celebrations. I could never

## 19. Brian Sanders completes his Chairman's Reports 1997

have hoped or dreamed that they would have gone so well. Over 100 people attended our Mass of Thanksgiving, concelebrated by 10 Old Xaverian priests, and 200 sat down at the dinner. The superb catering, the wonderful atmosphere, the witty and thought-provoking speeches and the beautiful booklet all insured that the weekend of September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 1997 will never be forgotten by those who were privileged to attend. But much has happened on other occasions throughout the year. Our inaugural lunch at the Oval was an enormous success and I have no doubt that the similar event planned to bring our Centenary celebrations to a close will be no different. Other functions such as the Quiz Night and the vets' football match, planned in the context of the Centenary, were much enjoyed and could well become annual events. Our roll of honour plaque is now in a prominent position in the College Chapel. Perhaps most significant of all, as far as the future of our Association is concerned, annual football and cricket matches between C.O.X.A. and the St. Francis Xavier College are now firmly established. Indeed relations between us and S.F.X. have never been better and we are hoping to build on this to raise our profile in the other feeder schools.

All in all a truly memorable year and another vote of thanks is due, I feel, to the members of the Centenary working party who did so much to make the year a success. My final hope is that we continue to build on this success and establish an Association that will flourish for many years to come.

I move the adoption of my report.

Brian Sanders

## 20. Cecil's notes for his speech at the Thanksgiving Supper

### SUMMARY OF CECIL POCOCK'S SPEECH AT THE OX'S DINNER : SEPTEMBER 27th.

Cecil Pocock, in his speech, began by thanking Brian Sanders, Mick Power and their committee for the wonderful work they had done in arranging the Centenary celebrations.

He had been asked to propose a toast but the question arose - to what? Clapham College no longer existed : the Brothers had not been involved with the College for over 20 years : and the OXs certainly had not been around 100 years ago! So he intended simply to invite those present to raise their glasses in thanksgiving for the College which they all had loved.

Clapham College had never pretended to be the greatest school in South London. Its exam results had only been average : it had not sent large numbers to Oxbridge : its facilities had been, frankly, sub-standard: its list of famous Old Boys, despite a couple of Bishops and a couple of MPs, was not exceptional: it probably wouldn't have fared particularly well in any Ofsted appraisal. But it has been a genuinely unique school and its uniqueness lay in the remarkable atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation which existed between students and staff and the humanity which characterised these relations. That was why so few students had left the school with chips on their shoulders and why even the 'baddies' were well represented here tonight!

He instanced Brother Joseph frying sausages for the Prefects' Christmas Party surrounded by bottles of brown and pale ale and Brother Peter allowing a member of staff time off to perform public duties way above the officially permitted 26 half-days of paid absence.

It had been fun to be at Clapham. He recalled various school events - sports at Tooting Bec, Motspur Park and Norbury, the Carol Service, the 1st. and 2nd. Year Christmas Parties, the Easter trip to Paris and the summer camps at Foxhunt Manor and Mayfield, among others, and he gave examples of the fun and enjoyment which had characterised all these events

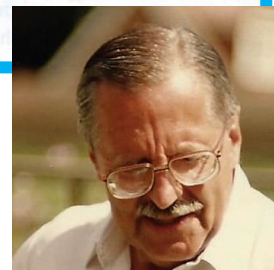
Cynics might say that there was one factor common to all these activities - alcohol - and it was certainly true that most of them had ended up in the George, the Windmill or the Nightingale. But this itself simply illustrated the excellent atmosphere which permeated the College, an atmosphere fully encouraged by the Brothers. That was why tonight 200 OXs from -\* - (1918 and 1921) to Philip Sanders and Benedict had gathered to celebrate the Centenary.

Sadly the Brothers had to give up the College in 1970 and he had tried to maintain that atmosphere, both in the ensuing 5 years of his Headship and in the new Clapham College which came into being in 1975.

The Brothers were the originators : the consolidators and the standard-bearers and those who had worked with them or been taught by them owed them an immense debt of gratitude.

So, tonight, we celebrated 100 years of dedicated service to Catholic education in South London. The spirits of the Brothers, from Bro. Gabriel down to Bro. Peter still, he felt, permeated the College, One day, no doubt, they would be joined by those of Maurice Gleeson, Roger Sparks and himself!

He invited all those present to rise and say 'Thank you' to Clapham College and all it had achieved.



## 21. 1997 The "hundred Club grows in the "400 Club" in 1997

### 400 Club

Winners since Clapper was last published are:

	£100	£50	£25
June '97	Brian Saunders & Friends	John Norton	Mick Powell
July	David Leathem	Tom McLoughlin	Mark Preece
Aug	Chris Megoran	John Williams	John Ryan
Sep	Tony O'Shea	John McGuire	Colin Garvey
Oct	Seamus Burke	Lev Myatt	Spencer McGuire
Nov	Tony Morrish	Adie Bertie	Chris Kavanagh
Dec '98	Patrick Burke	David Murtagh	Mark Conneely
Jan	David Murtagh	David Murtagh	Frank Barretta
Feb	Adie Bertie	Tony Griffin	Patrick Burke
Mar	Patrick Burke	John Williams	Adie Bertie
April	Guy Shepherd	David Slattery	Sean O'Sullivan

**New Members are always welcome  
- Ring 0181 - 644 49876 - Mick Power**

Return Clapper - Address Unknown

If the records are right, Ben Hogan was living at 20 Canterbury Close, Cambridge.  
Does anyone know of his current address?

Mick Alrich

Mick was a pupil at the College in the late 50's and the Association has been asked by a former classmate to locate him. Can you help? If so please ring Brian Sanders on 0171 639 4430 with the details.

### The Great Norbury Flood

On the 8th July 1997 the Croydon area was affected by a lengthy period of torrential rain which was too much for the drainage system to take and as a result considerable flooding occurred in the locality. The Norbury Clubhouse was flooded to a depth of 18 inches and this was probably aggravated by the actions of our neighbours in County Road who smashed holes in the concrete boundary walls and timber fencing in order to divert water away from their gardens.

Fortunately the incident occurred "out of season" and whilst we did not suffer any consequential loss the reinstatement costs amounted to almost £7,000. Despite certain shortcomings with our insurance arrangements Mick Powell (Loss Adjuster/Assessor supreme!) was able to negotiate a "full" settlement with the Adjuster acting for the Insurers concerned.

## 22. Old Xaberian Life Members in 1998

### LIFE MEMBERS AS AT 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 1998

FREDDIE BALDWIN	JIM HOWARD	JOHN RAYER
PAUL BARBER	FLOG HUGHES	PHIL RODERICK-JONES
PETER BARRY	DEREK JONES	GERALD ROWE
MATTHEW BENEDICT	BARRY JAMES	SHIELA ROWE
RICHARD BENSON	TREVOR JONES	FRANK RYAN
W L BOOTH*	JOHN KEENAN	MICHAEL RYAN
MARTYN BOYD	PETER KEENAN	GERRY SALMON
MICK BRIEN	ERNIE LARKIN*	ANDREW SANDERS
RC BROOKES	PHIL LEEDER	BRIAN SANDERS
SEAMUS BURKE	JAN LUBA	DAVID SANDERS
PAUL BUTLER	NICK LYNCH	BEN SCHWENK
BRIAN CAMPBELL	MICK MAGEE	PHIL SCHWENK
NINO CARRACCIO	DAVE MARTIN	SIR NICK SCOTT
F CETRE*	BRIAN McDERMOTT	GUY SHEPPARD
BILL COLLINS	PETER McDERMOTT	JOHN SHERIDAN
BOB COLLINS	JOHN ^ McNICHOLAS	PAUL SHIMMELL
DEREK COOPER	JIM McQUEENEY	PAUL TEHAN
M CORY	MICK MEAD	ALAN THOMAS
LYNDEN DAVIS	CHRIS MEGORAN	ERIC TOPE
DAVE DONNELLY	STAN MILLER	C TRUSS
MICK DUFFY	MICK O'SHEA	RA TUFT
BRIAN EARP	BRIONY O'SULLIVAN	MICK WARE
TOM ENNIS	MICK O'SULLIVAN	ALAN WEBBER
PAT J. FITZGERALD	JOHN NORTON	ARTHUR WILLIAMS
PAT FUREY	A C PAGE*	JOHN WILLIAMS
JOHN GILHOOLEY	W G PALMER	SEAN WILTSHIRE
MIKE GRICE	R F PIERCE	JOHN WOOLLARD
PETER GUNN	LEN POWELL	
D A HICKS	MICK POWER	
TIM HIGGINS	BRYAN PRYKE	
FRANK HIXSON	TOM PURCELL	
PAUL HIXSON	S P QUICK	
	DENNIS QUIN	

\* ADDRESS UNKNOWN - CAN YOU HELP?

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### C.O.X.A. DINNER AT THE OVAL, JANUARY 1998

We had been there before - entering the Hobbs Gates at the Oval Cricket Ground - to celebrate the Clapham College Centenary - again! Nearly 100 COXA members sat down to luncheon in the Oval Long Room. Some had attended the previous Oval function, others were there for the first time. Fathers Murtagh, Richins and Creech were present (Fr. Cronin had an emergency call), as was Cecil Pocock, former headteacher. A toast to the College was made by Sir Nicholas Scott, who told us some very amusing stories about his times as Minister for Northern Ireland. Wilson Bowers paid tribute to the retiring chairman, Brian Sanders, by delivering a speech in French. Karl Sabbagh was telling colleagues about his work as a T.V. producer, but the last word should go to Dave Walters. At the start of the meal, he claimed that he did not recognise Dave Harrison, from the year below at Clapham. Over coffee he said to Dave "The more I drink, the more I remember you." We all left to go to the Beehive Pub, determined to force the committee to make this an annual event.

Our COXA eagle-eyed cricket nut Mick Power spotted a cricket reference to a Murtagh. Could this be any relation to former COXA sporting stalwarts Matthw, Dave and Bob Murtagh ?

*Surrey County Cricket Under 17 Tour of South Africa*  
(THE MURTAGH CONNECTION)

**Name : Tim Murtagh**

**Nickname : Tim, Nice but Dim**

**Cricket : Left Hand Bat**

**Best Batting : 119**

**D.O.B. 2/8/81**

**Place of Birth : London**

**Club : Purley**

**School : John Fisher**

**Studying : A Levels : Sport Studies,  
English and Biology**

**Pastimes : Rugby, cricket, football.**

Dave responded to Mick as follows.

Dear Mick,

Good spot ! Tim is the son of my cousin Dominic (does that make him a second cousin?). There's a bit of a cricket pedigree in that branch of the Murtagh family. Both Dominic and his elder brother Andrew are Old Josephians. Both captained the school 1st XI at cricket and Andrew went on to play first class cricket for Hampshire. He didn't get many first team games as the Hants side of that era (late 70's / early 80's) was quite strong - B A Richards and C D Greenidge et al.

Andy's Wisden entry has him down as the only Irishman playing 1st class cricket at that time (he had been born in Dublin). This allowed John Arlott the opportunity, when Andy fielded the ball off John Rice's bowling during a televised Sunday league match, to coin the following phrase :

**"Rice bowls, and Paddy fields"**

The only cricketing claims to fame in my own branch of the family are :

- Matthew use to go out with Jim Laker's daughter
- John captained the school 1st XI
- Patrick (another Old Josephian) had a trial with Surrey
- I dropped a catch of Benny when he was on a hat-rick

Cheers !!

Dave Murtagh.



## 24. Pete Brennan, yes, Pete Brennan "Top Man of 1991"!

### TOP MAN 1991

Amid scenes of tumultuous celebration Pete Brennan scooped this year's top soccer award. The fifth XI's man-mountain goalkeeper claimed the Best Player of the Year prize, thanks to a string of outstanding performances for his team. Asked for a comment, Pete, a great lover of roast beef & Yorkshire Pudding, said "Fantastic! it all started when I was given responsibility for the kit". Team captain bandy Lol Mullane, who favours the odd kebab or two, said "Brilliant, really deserved, I've never known anyone lay out the kit like he does". Two other awards were presented during a glittering night out for Clapham's football section. Young Player of the Year went to Matt Benedict for a season spent showing the old fogeys in the 4s how it should be done. Matt likes crinkle cut crisps, especially chicken tikka McCoys. First XI stripper John Leathem was named Clubman of the Year for his sterling work on the social and organisational scene, especially the pre-season 5-a-side tournament. John, who goes mad for deep-pan pizzas, will be staying on as first XI captain. In his speech before the awards ceremony club captain Jim Thornton noted the improvement both on and off the field during the season. The turnaround had been achieved due to the hard work and enthusiasm of the team captains who, apart from the aforementioned Clubman of the Year, were all newcomers. So take a bow Arthur Williams (2nds), John Kirk & Tom Purcell (3rds), Ben Benedict (4ths) and Lol Mullane (5ths). Jim, who enjoys a scorching hot curry at least once a week, cracked several funny jokes before signing off with a confident prediction that it would be even better next year.

### \* TOUR DESTINATION - SHOCK ANNOUNCEMENT\*

The Clapham world was stunned by today's shock announcement of the destination for the Old Xaverians Football Tour 1992. In a world exclusive our reporters can reveal that the location will be New York.

An ashen-faced Dave Leathem, Tour Committee chairman, emerged from Tour HQ looking just like ... Dave Leathem! When questioned, Dave, a lover of fine French cuisine, admitted it was true. Tour Committee treasurer Vic Roszkowski revealed that the proposed cost of this grand adventure would be £150. When asked how such a low figure was possible, Vic, an aficionado of Italian cooking, further revealed that the balance would be raised by holding a series of profitable events and functions. He was last seen heading for the nearest Building Society. Cornered trying to sneak out of a back exit to the building, Tour Committee secretary Arthur Williams, a devotee of Thai food,





## 25. Sad day for Clapham Old Xaverians - Derek Rowe RIP

### DEREK ROWE

Derek told me something about his family - his grandmother had run a pub in Streatham until she was eighty. His father had been a hop merchant, and in the evening ran a jazz band, playing the banjo. I met his mother before she died, when she was living in Worthing, a place where Derek spent a great deal of his leisure time.

Derek grew up in Old Park Avenue, off Nightingale Lane, and went to the prep school at Clapham College in Hollywood House, under Miss Carlin. It was here that he met his great friend Douglas Hadida. He then moved on to Clapham College proper, where he met other lifetime friends like John Cernuschi. John remembers that Derek always wore his cap down over his head (the cap with the yellow ring and the metal badge), whereas most Clapham pupils tried to avoid wearing theirs. When war came, Clapham College was evacuated first to East Grinstead and then to a girls' convent in Taunton (Derek, Douglas and John always smiled at the mention of East Grinstead and Taunton!)

After the war Derek joined the Old Boys. He joined the Football Section and played alongside Freddie Walsh, John Flynn, Pat Breslin, Ron James, Ted Hughes, Denis Quin and of course John Cernuschi. At that time the Football Section was being run by Don Mulvihill, John Woollard, Maurice and Steve Ward, and Tony Brin. It has to be said that Derek was an extremely dirty player - it is hard to know whether he took out the opponent because of slowness or intent, but the opponent was usually grounded. Derek was also merciless in his abuse of referees (which makes subsequent sitting on League Tribunals in judgement on clubs accused of dissent all the more ironic).

Sometime in the mid-fifties there was a vacancy on the Football Committee, and Denis Quin, the Association Chairman, convinced Derek to become Secretary. Derek held that position for nearly forty years, sometimes being Fixture Secretary at other times working with Rich Clark, Tony Cleather, and especially Eddie O'Brien in recent years to arrange fixtures. Largely under Derek's guidance, the football section grew from 2 teams in the 1950s, to 3 in the 1960s, and eventually to 8 teams in the early 1980s. There was also a great deal of success on the field, starting with the arrival of Tony Amura and Phil Leader in Clapham shirts (still blue and green in the 1960s). Clapham teams began to win divisional championships, the Surrey Junior Cup and five-a-side tournaments. In the 1970s and 80s even greater success was achieved - the first eleven under Brian Casey reached the Premier Division of the Old Boys' League and won the Old Boys' Cup, a feat which was on a par with the earlier winning of the Surrey Senior Cup under John Mansi, and several other Championships and Cups were won by lower sides.

Derek's part in all this success was considerable. He brought to the Club a sense of order and stability, and he impressed on the captains the need for honesty and sportsmanship. The administrative tasks were considerable. It is well known how Derek spent every Monday night for forty years writing and sending out team sheets; then every Friday night on the phone re-arranging fixtures and finally on Saturday evening sending in the results.

In the early 60s Derek was elected onto the Old Boys' Football League Council (it is the largest league in the world with more than 300 teams in 30 divisions). He remained on the League Council until he died. At his funeral Jack Trenaman, Geoff Lence and Malcolm Perks paid tribute to this work, and confirmed how Derek had furthered the reputation of Clapham O.X. throughout the Old Boys' League and the A.F.A.. Of course Derek also played an important role on the Old Boys' Committee, but it is really for his huge contribution to the Football Section that he will be remembered. Many hundreds of players have pulled on a Clapham shirt in the last forty years to play in matches organised by Derek - from Borking to Edmonton to Maidenhead. Every one of us who have had this privilege owes a great deal to Derek Rowe.

COLIN GARVEY

26. Derek Rowe would have loved to have been there - Norbury Celebrates Derek's life



27. COXA Celebrates the Life & Service to the Old Xaverians of Derek Rowe



Nice to see Wilson made an effort



Was Gary old enough to drink?



27. Huge crowd at Norbury celebrates Derek's contribution to Old Boys Football



**TOAST TO CLAPHAM XAVERIANS –  
Mr. Cecil Pocock, former Headmaster, Clapham College.**

**THE LOYAL TOAST AND WELCOME TO GUESTS –  
Brian Sanders, Chairman, Clapham Old Xaverians' Association.**

## 29.1991 COXA Football Tour to New York to play Golf

### CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS' NEW YORK TOUR 1992

(or: How Columbus Should Have Done It.)

Having sampled the delights of such as Ilkley (Bar t'at), Long Eaton (Violent encounters of the third kind) and Lowestoft (the reason the Vikings stopped invading), the Old Boys got really ambitious in 1989 and went overseas, to Dublin. The shock of finding that the pilot was not a Macdonald, as had been the case in all previous tours, seemed to unbalance all but the most insensitive O.X., and since that pioneering flight, the world has been our lobster, Rodders my son.

After two more flying trips, a return to Dublin and a groundbreaking Glasgow tour, we got really bigheaded; this April 30th thirty-three tourists boarded Plunnet Airways Flight 1313 to New York.

Obviously the prohibitive cost of such a venture could have prevented some (all?) of the established tour veterans from coming along so a fund-raising scheme was devised to cushion the blows. A Race - Night, raffles, Karaoke shows (part sponsored by Tom Purcell), Band Nights and "other activities" were scheduled. The cost of £360 in total (hotels & flights) was mitigated by £140 per person. Football programme collectors amongst our readers may be interested in the historic Gretna v Rochdale (Scottish club in F A Cup) programme which contains a full-page congratulatory message from the Old Xaverians Tourists.

Although some clubmen will be heartily sick of stories from New York, it seems churlish not to mention some of the highlights.....

- ...the Circle Line Tour where the barman recorded his first ever \$1,000 sale to one round. We travelled as the Clapham Cultural Society and were made most welcome by the native Philistines.
- ...the Prince of Paupers, L.V.Mullane, met his chums out there and helped them (especially Dan Condon) push back the lower limits of human decency.
- ...Lotta Curves, an actress and Terpsichorean performer proved to one and all that everything REALLY IS bigger in America!
- ...Tom Purcell proved that it really is possible to become friends with every barman in New York in just six days. (Hey Greg!..HEY TOM!!)
- ...a Clapham personal best in a Bronx bar (The Roaring Twenties) of 173 five-pint jugs (apparently the barman was counting).
- ...the discovery of The Caliente Cab Co., where \$6.95 got us Brunch and all the Bloody Marys, Tequila Sunrises, Frozen Margueritas or Bucks Fizzes we could drink between Noon and 3 o'clock. (Not much profit in that deal, guys).
- ...Downtown Bierut, the bar that really does make it possible to feel like you're where the sign says. (This also applies to the Duchess of York's Arms, but not everyone's been in Downtown Beirut!)
- ...a last word on President Hotel room service.....you naughty boys!!



## 30. 1992 The COXA Cricket Tour to Jersey

### CRICKET TOUR TO JERSEY

The Cricket Tour took place a little late this year due to the cancellation of an earlier tour. An enthusiastic party of fourteen departed from Gatwick at 7.40 am on Sunday 6 September, after anxiously awaiting the arrival of Ben Benedict, who arrived late as usual.

The flight was uneventful, although quiet man John Ryan seemed to be rather anxious and insisted on wearing his cricket helmet throughout.

On arrival at St. Helier airport we retrieved our luggage, or at least most of us did. Kev Horkan's had, unfortunately, been re-routed to Germany or was it Spain? We then picked up our hire cars and proceeded to get lost in the maze of one-way streets which make up St. Helier. We eventually arrived at our Hotel which appeared to specialise in SAGA holidays and was not prepared for the arrival of 13 virile, jet-setting men-about town and Stan Miller (sorry Stan but your loose change did you no favours).

The season closed in late September with Clapham cricketers having achieved, what is believed to be, their most successful season ever. Ted Hayter is still reliving the record books to confirm this.

As with other Association activities many have contributed and given an enormous amount of time freely, endeavouring to put something into the game they love.

Every season has its disappointments and it was in the final league game, when set to win the title and £500 worth of Slazenger cricket gear, that the Saturday 1st eleven surrendered. Whilst promotion might be considered poor consolation it must be remembered that players usually give of their best, but we all have our off days. Still, well played Team and lets look forward to next year's challenge.

I am printing in full, for the first time, the results and averages for each of the three sides. (Non-cricket buffs we hope will bear with us.)

The Cricket Section sets a fine example of how the different generations can enjoy playing and pulling together. Each generation brings its own particular assets to the game, from the enthusiasm and youth of Joe Benedict to the wisdom and patience of Brian Sanders.

The young and not so young are invited to join in the fortnightly net that Clapham hold on Wednesday evenings, between 7.00 and 8.00 in the Ken Barrington Centre, at the Oval Cricket Ground. The net runs from the 18 November through to March, when it will become weekly. If you are interested in going, please check with Ben Benedict (home tel no. 081 769 3167).

For the first time the Club has entered a six-a-side indoor league which is held at the same venue. The first game was held on 15 November, when Clapham were thrashed out of sight. Regular netting is now resulting in more even contests. The league is scheduled to end before Christmas. Fuller results in the next issue.

The Cricket A.G.M. was held in the Club House on 18 October, with over twenty players in attendance, an impressive turnout, reflecting the interest and results of the season. Tony Amure was in the Chair. The meeting was interesting and very lively, with passionate debate on finance, team selection and league cricket. The meeting agreed that a Tour should be arranged for next year.

A presentation was made during the evening to Ben Benedict in recognition of his efforts in initiating and securing Clapham's place in league cricket. David Gower apologized for his absence on the night (marriage fixture and other matters ..... ) but had sent along a copy of his recent autobiography, suitably inscribed " to my friend Ben". Ben was overcome with emotion and failed to buy a round!

# 31. 1992 Cricket Averages and Ted Hayter - the records man

## SATURDAY FIRST XI

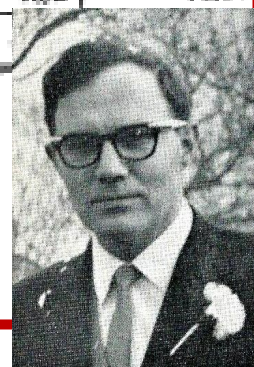
	Innings	Not Out	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average
Stan Miller	21	5	572	103	38.13
Chris Smith	14	1	294	67	22.61
Ben Benedict	22	1	459	104	21.85
Simon Pickering	16	2	297	36	21.21
Brendan Walsh	11	1	207	93	20.70
John Mansi	19	2	348	54	20.47
Mick Duffy	14	2	177	55	14.75
John Hickey	7	1	87	24	14.50
Derek Dalrymple	8	4	57	24	14.25
Serge Cefai	9	2	97	22	13.85
John Ryan	6	1	56	27	10.12
Matthew Benedict	15	2	80	14	6.15

## BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Bowling	Strike Rate
Chris Smith	141	34	340	27	12.59	18/5	31.33
Matthew Benedict	55	9	226	17	13.29	21/6	19.41
Mick Duffy	86	9	361	27	13.37	18/6	19.11
Stan Miller	183	52	520	35	14.85	28/6	31.37
Ben Benedict	195	35	664	37	17.94	16/5	31.62
Serge Cefai	144	24	442	15	29.46	30/3	57.60
Kevin Horkan	83	14	293	7	41.85	10/2	71.14
Steve Brady	52	5	175	4	43.75		

## CATCHES

12 Walsh, B 10 Benedict B 8 Pickering S 7 Benedict M  
 6 Miller, S 5 Dalrymple P 4 Hickey T 3 Cefai S  
 3 Lenthem J 3 Horkan K 3 Duffy M 3 Amura G  
 2 O'Brien E 2 Smith C 2 Brady E



E. J. HAYTER

## HIGHEST PARTNERSHIPS

1ST WKT	141	[O Amura 146, Hayter 16]	IRIS, 5/9/92
2ND WKT	56	[Pinder 54, Hayter 16]	NORWOOD, 25/7/92
3RD WKT	54	[J McGuire 29, Hayter 26*]	CLINDA VANDALS, 2/5/92
4TH WKT	54	[G Knight 27, O'Brien 22]	NAT WEST AMBLERS
5TH WKT	20	[J McGuire 67, O'Brien 20]	CROYDON GAS, 27/6/92
6TH WKT	56	[G Knight 54*, Hyatt 28]	NAT WEST AMBLERS, 19/9/92
7TH WKT	39	[Pinder 55*, Burke 20]	OLD ALLEYNJANS, 29/6/92
8TH WKT	17	[O McGuire 9, Burke 8]	NAT WEST ALLSTARS, 22/8/92
9TH WKT	28	[J Knight 14, Hudson 9]	NAT WEST AMBLERS, 22/8/92
10TH WKT	36*	[Hayter 24*, Adamson 14*]	MARRICKVILLE 1870, 17/5/92



## 32. 1994 The first COXA Vets Football Tour to Bury St Edmunds

1994

### CLAPHAM TOURS

In March this year Clapham ran it's first Vets Football Tour! A Hoppla Bus, driven by young John Pettley was hired to transport the Vets, with their zimmer frames, to Bury St Edmunds. They managed just the one narrow defeat with Wilson playing the full 90 minutes. The tour was such a success that is hoped to repeat the performance next year.

The football section had hoped to tour Prague at the end of April, but unfortunately this did not materialise. However, a party of keen footballers are off to Amsterdam instead.

This years Cricket tour is on 8/10 June to Somerset. Contact Brendan Walsh on 081 673 8652 for more details or to book your place.

Steve Pagett is arranging a golf tournament in Ireland on 14 September.

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### FOOTBALL

The section welcomed back former stalwerts Chris Taylor, John Flynn and Steve Curtis during the season. Good to see you lads.

Last seasons successes have been followed up with the promotion of the 5th Eleven under Vic Roszkowski guidance. When the season ends on 7 May we can expect John Leatham to have led the 1st Eleven back to the Premier Division and Eamon Taggart's 4th Eleven to be promoted.

Our poor disciplinary record is regrettable, but our new playing strip has certainly made us the dandies of the League.

A number of musical! nights have been held to raise money to pay for the new strip.

Oct 2	The Clapham Combo - our very own resident group.
Nov 13	Pete Boland Trio
Dec 11	Bill and Ray Stewart and the Home Town Boys
Apr 16	Elvis Presley Night - His greatest hits performed by COXA's finest rockers.

Thanks to all who have contributed to the success of these events.

The Football Club Annual Dinner and Presentation will be held on Sat 11 June at the Directors Club, Philpot Lane, EC3. Tickets are 15 per head and cheques, payable to COXA, should be sent to Dave Leatham at 31 Elm Park Road, SE25, as soon as possible.

On Sunday 29 May the Annual 5-a-side Tournament for the Dave O'Shea Cup will be held at Norbury. Members wishing to enter a team should contact Arthur Williams on 081 767 1713.

# 33.1993/1994 - A great deal of sad news reported in Clapper

## Brian Atkinson R.I.P.

When I joined the College in 1963 the Staff Common Room was full of genuine characters, all possessing that special blend of intellectual vigour, sense of humour and genuine care which made such a special ethos that was simply unique.

Brian Atkinson was certainly one of those characters. His knowledge of English (and most other areas) was recognised by all and his ability to teach the subject as a partner to John Gibb and Alex Begley produced outstanding results at 'O' and 'A' level. Brian also managed to teach Logic, hold assertive debates with Cecil Pocock, and at times even attempt to argue with Bill Blight.

One of my early experiences of Brian's strange blend of almost naive bravery and sense of justice was on my first staff outing to the Mermaid theatre run by Sir Bernard Miles. His energetic dispute over the bill in the restaurant thoroughly entertained his fellow diners and almost resulted in an additional curtain call.

Above all Brian will be fondly remembered by staff and pupils for his enthusiasm in all things that excited him and his ability to talk continuously and energetically with anyone who wished to engage in debate or discussion.

Eric Tope

## George Day

It is with deep regret that we report the death of George Day, for many years caretaker at the College. George was a good friend to the Association, generous with his help for our activities at the College and regularly attending our Annual Mass. He was a loyal member of the British Legion and the Knights of St. Columba. He is survived by his wife Peggy and son Malcolm, to whom we extend our sympathies.

## Ted Slade

We are also sad to record the death of Ted Slade, former groundsman of our playing field at Norbury.

## Peter Murphy

Peter D.D. Murphy died on August 30 1993, aged 53. Peter was a pupil at the College from 1951 until 1957 but is probably best remembered by many Old Boys from his days as Club and Bar Steward at Norbury during the sixties and early seventies when his footballing days had ended.

Peter joined Royal Exchange Assurance on leaving school but moved to IBM in 1967 and spent the rest of his career with them in London, Basingstoke and the Midlands. He took early retirement in 1991 following open-heart surgery and devoted his time to completely re-designing his substantial garden.



KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR OLD MATES.

MONDAY 6 JUNE 1994 8PM - 11.30PM  
D - DAY NIGHT

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of D-Day the Association will be gathering round the old Joe Anna at Norbury to sing a few of the old songs, Roll out the Barrel, It's a long way to Tipperary etc and to listen to old favourites from Vera Lynn, Glenn Miller etc. We will also be showing a short extract from a D-Day film. A Bangers and Mash supper will be provided and Beer will be at 1944 prices.

Please come along in period dress, if possible and bring memorabilia - medals, gas masks, ARP helmets, photos etc.

## 34. 1994 D-Day remembered - 50th Anniversary event - Norbury

Monday 5 June, 1994, was the fiftieth anniversary of the D-Day Landings. While the Queen, President Clinton and President Mitterand made their way to the Normandy beaches and cemeteries, 50 Clapham Old Xaverians made their way to Norbury Clubhouse for the same reason - to remember those who died on the beaches, and to talk about memories of the War. In organising the event, the Old Boys' Committee was keen to capture the right public mood - there would be remembrance but no celebration. There was Second World War memorabilia on the Clubhouse walls, Glenn Miller and Vera Lynn played on the music system, a video of the landings was ready for showing, songsheets and a pianist were ready, and a sausage and mash supper was served. Beer was sold at 5p a pint - about, but not quite 1944 prices!

In the event, the evening turned out to be a typical Clapham occasion. Beer at 5p ensured an early start. At 9 o'clock Brian Sanders said a few words about D-Day, then held a minutes silence, during which we remembered those who died. For the rest of the evening, the video and piano were not needed. Old Boys and their wives were happy enough to talk to each other about their memories of the War. Cecil Pocock remembered being a schoolboy during the War. Harry Mellor and Douglas Madida remembered being evacuated to East Grinstead and Taunton. Tony Morrish, June, his wife and Anne his sister, were greatly amused by Peter "Flog" Hughes' ARP helmet and gasmask. Denis Guin and Henry Pincott were discussing athletics rather than the war. Don Mulvihill was describing how he spent much of the War in Belfast. Yet really it was John Woollard who was the centre of attention. Not only did he land on the Normandy beaches, he landed on D-Day - he described the sea journey, the sea sickness, the beach, the deaths. We took our mood from John - he was informative but subdued. It was an evening to remember, but not celebrate.

Colin Garvey

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### TURVEY NAMED DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI PROFESSOR

An internationally recognised professor of psychology who studies perception and the control of movement has been named the 1994-1997 Distinguished Alumni Professor at UConn.

Michael Turvey an outstanding researcher, distinguished scholar and extraordinary teacher is recognised in several distinctly different fields of psychology.

His initial research was directed at the mechanism of short term memory. The research that followed focused on coding mechanisms in peripheral and central locations of the visual nervous system. In 1974 he was awarded the American Psychological Association's first Early Career Award in Human Cognition and Learning for these investigations in memory and vision.

Beginning in the late 1970s through research on the writing systems of English and Serbo-Croatian conducted at the University of Belgrade, the University of Connecticut, and the Haskins Laboratories in New Haven, Mike has made significant

contributions to understanding the processes that underlie reading.

Mike began his most pioneering work as a Guggenheim Fellow in 1973, when he wrote a theoretical paper that established a new perspective on the principles by which the nervous system produces coordinating movements. His understanding of the brain's control of movement characterised it as a problem within the physics and mathematics of complex self-organising systems. During a James McKeen Cattell Fellowship in 1987, this search for lawfulness in nervous system function was extended to the mechanisms of touch, where his research has revealed that complicated kinds of physical qualities known as tensors are exploited routinely by the nervous systems in perceiving the lengths and shapes and orientations of things people can grasp in their hands.

Mike's research which continues to have a resounding impact on the fields of perception and movement coordination, is conducted at the centre for the Ecological Study of Perception and Action, established by UConn's Board of Trustees in 1987.

Mike, who has produced 200 research and theoretical papers and one book, is as committed to teaching as he is to research and is well known for his teaching prowess.

The Distinguished Alumni Professorship was established to acknowledge "an excellent teacher, as well as an individual of international reputation, whose scholarship reflects substantial credit to the University of Connecticut - a Renaissance person."

Mike joined UConn in 1967, after earning his undergraduate degree in England and his master's and doctoral degrees at Ohio State

## 35. Another 1990s Football Tour - Berlin

### WANDERING XAVERIANS

Okay, Okay, if you promise to sit still and be quiet, I'll tell you all about our travels.

Since our pitch at Norbury revived its career as some kind of James Herbert/Stephen King "Death Quagmire", lots of Old Boys have been showing a keen interest in playing away.

The big international against Turkish Waiters Eleven in the grounds of the Reichstag was to be a trendsetter. That trip is documented in past Clappers. This year - Amsterdam, home of drugs, drop-outs, mice-in-windmills ("there on the stairs, right there!"), ladies of the night and Ajax.

So.....who did what???

Mad Boy - immersed himself in new found Liberalism vis-a-vis herbal cigarettes: lost a whole evening whilst exploring Jupiter.

Colin Brown - found his Spiritual Home at Susie's Bar on the canal; perfected his Mantra - "this is grrreaaast" - repeating over 15 times an hour.

Tom Purcell - "King of Tour", climbed tall buildings to liberate Dutch flags, poles included; later held impromptu jam session for audience of several hundred adoring fans. Really!!

John Petley - snorted a double vodka before his famous traffic light impersonation. (Vodka through the nose - don't do it.)

Dan Condon - Oh Dan, oh Dan, oh Dan.

Tom & Mick McLoughlin - apprentice puffers.

Tom: "this stuff doesn't have any effect at all"

Mick: "Alloa 3 Clydebank 2"

Tom: "Pie and mash, no liquor"

Roy Hartnett - Roy bought a crazy hat and put it on. (Have you seen that film "The Mask"?)

Neil Keogh - He's nuts.

Okay, so for the first time ever, no football was played, although we did try to get a match. The trip cost about two hundred pounds for flights and (incredible) accomodation. Everybody had a great time as usual.



I LIFT, YOU GRAB.... WAS THAT CONCEPT JUST A LITTLE TOO COMPLEX, MICK?

## 36. COXA 1994 Cricket Tour to the Isle of Wight

Phil Roderick –Jones correctly noticed the “Tour Photo” in Chapter 10 was a decade too early [...what only one?]



### CRICKET

1995

All three sides were moderately successful, with the Slazenger League Team achieving a mid-table position. They must be disappointed with this, in spite of losing four games to the weather without a ball being bowled. Stan Miller scored 295 for once out in August and was runner-up in the Slazenger Batsman of the Month awards. Congratulations to Matthew Benedict on scoring a maiden hundred and on being retained by Surrey for next years under 19 squad. It was good to see some new and young faces in all three teams.

The section ran two tours during the season which were both competitive and enjoyable. A big thank you to Brendan Walsh and Bob Moore for organising the trips.

The 1995 Tour is to the Isle of Wight on Monday 3 July to Friday 7 July inclusive. We will be staying at the Palmerstone Hotel in Shanklin with four games arranged as follows:-

Tuesday	-	Shanklin
Wednesday	-	Ventnor
Thursday	-	Brading
Friday	-	Ryde

The approximate cost of the tour is £120, including 4 nights bed and breakfast, ferry crossing and match balls.

The tour is open to non-cricketers. Those wishing to join should send a deposit of £15 to Kevin Horkan at 11 Graveney Road, Tooting, London, SW170EG (081 672 9907) by 15 December.

The Club has entered a six-a-side indoor league at the Oval. The matches take place on Sunday evenings up to Christmas. Ben Benedict on 081 769 3167 is the contact.

Nets have been arranged at the Nat West Ground at Beckenham starting in February. Further details can be obtained from Mike Coles on 071 252 0653 (office) or 081 295 0698 (home). Nets at the Oval have yet to be finalised.

REMEMBER YOUR AGM - 25 NOVEMBER

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Have you read the Aug 94 edition of "Banking World"? Old Xaverian Patrick Gilliam is featured. Patrick after a brief spell in the Foreign Office and having retired from B.P. in September 91, joined Standard Chartered Bank where he is currently Chairman. Shame Patrick didn't choose to wear his Old Xaverian Tie for the photo call, or perhaps he hasn't got one?

Association ties are available from the Editor or over the Bar at Norbury, £10 for silk and £5 for polyester.

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PEOPLE

Congratulations to Ray and Clare Murphy on the arrival of Collette-Marie who weighed in at 8lbs on January 21st.

Congratulations to Tom and Linda McLaughlin on the birth of Michelle, a sister for Christopher. Tom will also blush at publication of his achievement of Plessey Salesman of the year. Nice one Tom.

The Associations' best wishes (and a copy of Clapper) follow "Crooning" Steve Curtiss to New York where he has joined brother Paul ("Buddy" to his friends) working for the mighty dollar.

Well done to the Old Boy's London Marathon representatives, John & Andy Mansi, Eddie O'Brien and Kevin & Vivienne McKenna (again!) All five home in good shape, well under four hours. Andy Mansi well under 3 hours!



**'She tends to drain him of all self-confidence.'**

W.L.Booth does not live at 124 Southpark Rd SW19 anymore; the present incumbent writes:

"Please Please remove W. Booth from your mailing list . You have been sending this for 9 years and he has not lived here for at least 11 years. Save the paper, postage and energy; we have returned this annually. Can your mailing list really be so out of date? (YES, we regularly send mail to dead people, but at least we aren't forgetting them - Ed) I suggest a major overhaul is due before we reach the Millenium. Yours exasperatedly."

Weeeell ! That told me, didn't it. If the Membership Sec does not locate W.L.Booth and delete 124 South Park Rd, I'm for the high jump, I reckon. It is very nice to get our mail back with suggestions, but if we send anything else to our (anonymous) correspondent, including this issue, perhaps chucking it in the bin would be less troublesome, eh? (or read it.)

ON LOCATION WITH COXA IN NOTTINGHAM

Yarmouth, Scarborough, Ilkley - and now Long Eaton  
Old Xaverians cross miners' picket lines to ~~see~~<sup>1995</sup> Pike in to heart  
of England.

Sixteen brave men and true set out to fight battles bold, and sample local fare in the annual COXA football tour. After a little melodic banter, the Edgware Road gave way to the M1 motorway, straight to Nottinghamshire (discounting a short stop-off over licensing hours - and beyond - where COXA won a beer throwing competition in a licensed toilet in Letterworth).

Long Eaton, its pubs, clubs, restaurants, discos (and the ladyfolk) witnessed, once again the halcyon days of G.I.'s, ration books, nylons and chocolate, and gazed in awe at a spending spree unmatched since the days of McMillan. Saturday morning, refreshed by four hours of solid sleep, the intrepid tourists headed south (sixty miles) to Coventry for our first match.

Pre-match drinkies with the 'oppo' and a delightful hostess, supplied by the West Midlands branch of the Taggart escort agency, put the team in good stead for a famous 4 - 2 win (M.O.M. Dave Leatham - 8 pints; silky samba soccer cold shower afterwards - what a man! Ed.) We loaned the oppo Eamonn Taggart who scored a goal of such elegance that even the great Harry "Sleeping Harry" Hickland was moved to acknowledge it in his usual way. (By emitting several gallons of orange bile through the nasal orifice). Back to the city and more refreshment, pool and other pastimes at a replica of the "La Sorrento Bar" Menorca (English breakfasts a speciality) Clapham coffers were profited by an impromptu game of "Stop" which the locals didn't pick up too quickly.

A high speed return (Shurely shone mishtake there? Ed) to Long Eaton for a meeting with the local branch of the British Movement (skin-head wing). The unfortunate incidents which folowed are those which give this movement such a bad name. A strange ritual evolved which most of the lads quickly got the hang of; Mick Brien the one-armed man of Fugitive fame was slow off the blocks and quickly suffered the consequences. The fundamental points of the game seemed to be that one group of Londoners (preferably well dressed) - known as "Bazzas" are chased over a four mile course by a gang of gaily-dressed locals known as Nuttas who lob glasses or Gettifiers at their prey to ensure back markers keep up. Cries of "Gettifer you Bazzal" are rejoined with "Dare, Nuttas". All great fun. Stragglers are rewarded with a slap up breakfast in the local infirmary (Brian Earp and Terry Bruner always thinking of food). Worst victim of considerable (and considerate, no doubt) jostling was Joe "Dirk" Davorne, last seen with the Winner of Miss Blonde Long Legs of Long Eaton 1984, returning to our hotel (after breakfast) with some very nasty bruises).

By mid-morning Sunday, everyone was relishing the idea of playing Trent Water Authority at the local sewage works. The major obstacles (prior to a 4 -1 win were the local mosquitos and the thought that even a minor graze on that ground would turn to tetanus.

Flying back to London would have been too obvious an end to such a successful weekend and "Disco-Dancing" Dave Leatham (the man with periscoppe eyes) suggested a day at the races - Towcester selected as victim. Most of us lost our remaining cash whilst Mr. Pastry and friends of the Guinless polished off our whip.

Letters

John Egan writes: (to Ted Hayter)

...At the next meeting of the Committee could you raise the subject of Clapper. Firstly, no addresses shown, apart from yours (Teds).

The standard of so called honour is about as low as the navel. What may be good bar honour should not appear in a journal purporting to represent the Association. We would be better without it than the poor standard at present.

The Editor replies

Johns remarks are entirely valid. Unfortunately his letter suggests abandonment and not improvement, whilst I favour the latter. I look forward to John's contribution next issue in the form of an article or essay or perhaps personalia report.

The standard of honour is mine. All mine. I do not defend its navel stature nor hide the fact that sights were, in fact, set perhaps lower. The bar room honour unfortunately(?) reflects the only Association activity and is therefore representative of the Association. Improvement of Association events and magazine contents is once again a question of participation.

My thanks to John however for a positive reaction in the form of a letter. I will replace all of my articles one by one as readers copy begins to pile on my doormat. Meantime, calls for my resignation will be treated with the physical violence for which I am revered throughout the Christian world.

## LIBEL SHEET

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## 40. Catching up on 1990s "gossip" - lots of good news

### PERSONALIA:

Since the last column of this type was some time ago, much of this will be "old news"; since most recipients of Clapper are remote from the Clubhouse and its gossip, this stuff will be worthwhile. (Maybe).

Congratulations to.....

Eddie & Rose O'Brien who celebrated the arrival of a baby boy, Aiden James, at the end of September.

Mick & Bernie Burke, who in April were blessed with Ria, a sister for Sophie.

Art & Hilary Williams got Georgia May in May and precipitated some Olympic Standard drinking, not least by your editor.

Carlos Freese gets married in Australia on November 4th. If you want to send a card to him & Paula, his future father-in-law is Mr J. Dowsey at 98a Prospect Road, Summer Hill, NSW, 2130, Australia.

Alan Webber got to be fifty and a prospective grandfather in the same week in September. (Good luck to Briony & Mick)

Frank Jordan, bachelor, called it a day and married Susan Gregory at Easter. Vic Roszkowski, Eddie & Rose, the McGuire brothers and Jed Dolan were among the celebrating revellers.

Mick and Bina McLoughlin exacerbated the May alcohol problem when their new baby Elizabeth arrived, amid much Guinness.

Tom Purcell, bachelor, also cashed in his chips and got married in August. Linda gets to be married to Tom and Scottish at the same time. (I thought being Scottish and ginger was tough - Ed.) The party at the Richmond Hill Hotel saw Vic, David Leatham, Tom McLoughlin & Jim Thornton helping Arthur prop up the bar, in a cast of hundreds. Tom's sensitive rendering of "The Fields of Athenry" (is that right?, Ed), was followed by the cruel slaughter of "American Pie".

Jim Stuart, 6th XI stalwart, spent some time travelling to Croatia, overland with truckloads of school equipment and infants' clothing and kit, much of it donated by Old Xaverians at the football club. Nice job, Jim.

Whose chests bristled with vicarious pride when we saw Brian Baldock's handsome features profiled in the Evening Standard in May? Deputy Chairman of Guinness would probably rate a "could do better" from Brother Peter, but we like it. Being a Chelsea supporter and a contemporary of Ted Hayter, Brian may well be our greatest Xaverian achiever!

John McGuire this year resigned after many much-appreciated years as Membership Secretary; thanks John.

Eric Tope, as fine a cure for incontinence as any schoolboy has come across, has resigned as Association Secretary. Eric has steered us through many difficult situations in the past and he will be a hard act to follow.

## 41. 1994 - The "Lefties" Clubhouse Tales III.

### Clubhouse Tales III - The Lefties

Although the clubhouse is essentially apolitical in its aims and constitution, the burgeoning influence of activists in shadowy corners has, of late been concerning committee members. But their fears are unfounded. Here, at grass-roots level can be found the Soft-Left. Details set below courtesy of the SPG.

McLoughlin, Michael - Celebrity vegetarian, favoured in the Norbury cell for his extremist views on the ritual torture of sausages and burgers after each match. On field violence, for which he is famed, is seen as compensation for his inability to get up early enough to picket strike-breaking miners. Gang of 4 password:- "Oh-Yeah?"

Grice, Michael- Enemy of Deng. Long time, Long-distance supporter of Mao, Grice has pledged two weeks in 1997 to the "Big Push for TOTAL POWER" on Hong Kong Liberation day ("If the weather's alright") One-time big man in the Party, Mick threw his weight around in 1980 and seems to have forgotten where he threw it. Gang of 4 passwords:- "Don't mind if I do".

McKenna, Kevin - Anti-nostalgic (raving) The Robert Maxwell school of socialism has enabled Kev to put his cross next to the Labour candidate with a Gold Parker Pen. Kev was introduced to the boys at the bar because bear-baiting had been outlawed. Kev has been threatened with expulsion from the group if he goes skiing again next year. Gang of 4 password:- "Cheers".

Williams, Paul, Nobody's, Innocent:- Too damned well informed for comfort, this man is dangerous. However, certain giveaway signs point to a chink in his armour. Drinks lager (a lot quickly) gets his round in; does not know what meuzli is. Chief recruitment officer. Paul has been spotted tutoring aspiring leftist Sean Beatty in after-match political discussions.  
- "Buy Casey a lager and you're in next week" is typical advice.  
Gang of 4 password: "Three million".

These men are the hard core of the cell. They are backed up by men such as :- Lev "look like Marx act like Marx" Myatt - the Metal headed Picket; Wilson "Leak? What leak?" Bowers - psychiatric out-patient; Tom "Pass the Claret" Purcell - Newspaper Pundit and secret anti-Royalist. Have no fear however, sent to combat these forces are a super hero squad of fascists - led by Jim "Where to Guv?" Thornton and Dave "The Opinion" Leathem. Good luck lads, make 1984 a year fit for Old Xaverian heroes to live in.

Were there "Clubhouse Tales 1 & 2 [I can't find them ...]"

42. Tom Marshall - sorely missed -  
a great teacher - a great man.



TOM MARSHALL.

Colin Garvey writes.

Each year Cecil Pocock receives Christmas cards from ex-colleagues from Clapham. Regular correspondents include Bill Kidd, Ron Clover and Paul Davidson. This year there was no card from Tom Marshall, just a letter from his wife with the sad news that Tom had died last summer at their home in Broadway, Worcestershire.

Tom came to Clapham College in 1953 to succeed Charlie Cox as P.E. & Games Master. He had previously been at Battersea Grammar, and after 10 years at Clapham, he returned there until his retirement.

The first thing that comes to mind about Tom is the countless hours he put in during the week and on Saturdays, coaching, refereeing and umpiring. With the help of other teachers like Joe Church, John Gibb and Cecil Pocock, Tom produced a succession of excellent Clapham football teams which could match the best in London, and this from a school with only 60 boys in each year. Tom was also on the committee of the London Grammar Schools' Team and put Clapham on the map by nominating several several footballers each year.

It is no coincidence that players such as Colin Juke and Peter McDermott played for England's Youth team, and that Tony Amura subsequently turned professional. Cricket required even greater efforts and time with Tom umpiring late into the evening and all day Saturday. Again it is no surprise to see that the stalwarts of 30 years of Clapham cricket, Stan Miller, Mick Power, Tony Gray, Tony Amura and Brian Sanders were products of Tom's personal academy. Add to that list two of the best fast bowlers seen outside the County circuit - John Keenan & Tony Steward. In the '50s and '60s Clapham was very much on the athletics map also, winning the London Grammar Schools' Trophy at White City several times. These were the days of Juke, McDermott, Mick Gowan, Mick Meade, Mick Turvey & Phil Schwenk. Finally, Tom organised the dreaded Cross Country Tournaments around Clapham Common. Jim "Hotlips" Chambers remembers the rivalry and interest generated - when he came in 98th and exhausted, his House Captain, Denis Quinn, said "I'm disappointed in you, Chambers!"

More than the hours that Tom dedicated to sport at Clapham, he will be remembered as a gentleman. He was easy-going and friendly. He used the gym slipper on occasions but you always felt that there was no malice. He was so cheerful, even when working in cramped conditions like the small gym (does anyone remember the open coke fires in the gym?); he taught us how to win, and how to lose with dignity. He was scrupulously fair when he refereed, always favouring the other school as I found out to my benefit when we visited Battersea Grammar one year and Tom turned down an obvious Battersea penalty and gave me a wink.

Above all this, Tom was a character, with his rural accent and his Alvis car and his Woodbines. Where else would a P.E. Master give a pupil some money and say "Go and get me ten Woods round the corner."? My generation had a very happy time at Clapham and much of this was due to Tom Marshall.

## 43. 1994 - "Nobody likes us - one [at least] cares"

PICTURE THIS.....

Brian Sanders, at home, crunching the old breakfast toast and marmalade and supping the second cup of "rosie", notes in The Times Diary of Ann Robinson, a description of her delinquent dog as having turned suddenly into a Millwall supporter.....

We reproduce, by kind permission, Brian's (published) reply.

".....I am approaching my 60th birthday. For the last 60 years, I have been teaching Modern Languages to inner-city boys. When my wife died, over 20 years ago, I was left to bring up, virtually single-handedly, four sons, all under ten. The eldest is now a Director of a large City instution; the second has a very responsible job with a large Japanese bank; the third has a D.Phil and is currently engaged in research at Bath University while the fourth, as yet unemployed, has a B.A. & MSc. in Economics.

I am, and always have been, a regular churchgoer. Until it recently folded, I was a member of the church choir. I am on the Parish Council and at present sit on five different committees, all directly or indirectly concerned with religion; on three of those, I am chairman.

I am, and have been for some 50 years, A MILLWALL SUPPORTER.

Yours etc, "

Fair play to Ann Robinson, guys, she also wrote back to the old Bushwhacker.

**MILLWALL**



### V.E DAY, May 8th Celebration at Norbury.

It was always to be hoped that, after the great success of our D-Day commemoration last year, V.E. Day's events would be equally memorable; if anything they were even better. Some 80 or 90 people were at Norbury, arriving from 3 p.m. onwards and staying, in some cases, until the wee small hours of the morning. The time went quickly by with a variety of activities - impromptu football for the younger, fitter members while chatting, drinking, eating at the wonderful barbecue & salad bar (thanks to Scotty Macdonald & Sheila Rowe), and browsing through the many photocopied issues of wartime "Concordia", with fascinating and moving accounts of what Old Boys were doing at the time. The observation of the two minute silence at 8.38 (Also observed by 26 Old Boys on the 'plane back from the Prague Tour), was followed by Harry Mellor's account of a pupil's life during the war (reproduced below).

Thanks again to all those people who worked so hard behind the scenes to make it a truly memorable day.

#### From Harry Mellor's speech:

Before I talk about Clapham College and the War years, I must refer to September 1938 when I was still at a Catholic Primary school. We have to remember that it was less than twenty years after the end of the First World War and I can recall the apprehension of the grown up members of my family which affected me as well. Eventually, as we all know, Mr. Chamberlain returned from Munich waving a piece of paper and proclaiming "Peace in our time.", much to everyone's relief.

I stayed at Clapham College during the week commencing Monday 28th August 1939 and I was at Nightingale Lane for about three days. Towards the end of the week, I think it was Friday 1st September, we came to school with our possessions and our gas masks and were given a bag containing rations for 48 hours which included a large block of Cadbury's Milk Chocolate. We boarded the train at Balham and after many delays we arrived at Three Bridges. The train stayed there for some little while, and I regret to say that before we left Three Bridges, we had eaten all of our 48 hours ration pack.

The train eventually arrived at Forest Row Station and we were taken to Forest Row Parish Hall.

Many kind people came to the parish hall and took evacuees into their homes. Dr. & Mrs. Lucas selected two girls, whose names now escape me, Pat Griffin, Tommy Searle & me. We went to Brambletye Wall Hill, Ashurstwood. I was still convinced that Mr Chamberlain would come back with another piece of paper, and that there would be no war, which explains why I was very shocked indeed to learn on Sunday September 3rd 1939, that we were at war with Germany.

I remember that at Dr Lucas' a German Jew named Peter, a refugee, came to live with us and eventually he was accepted for the armed forces. The last I heard was that he was with the Eighth Army, and that he was killed in action. I mention him particularly, not only because he was an enemy alien, but because he was the first wartime casualty that I actually knew personally.

## 44. "Brothers" in the Xaberian brotherhood - Colin Garvey

Brothers; we got 'em.

by Garvey.

The Old Boys' Football Section has always had good service from sets of brothers; in recent years it has become rather dependent upon them.

Most Old Boys know, or are aware of, the work of Maurice & Steve Ward (both sadly deceased) in building up the football section before and after the war. Mick Scott and his brother Chris were excellent footballers; one of the best goalkeepers we ever had was John Gemuschi - don't know if Joe or Peter played football, but they drank for Clapham.

In the 60s & 70s we saw a series of brothers grace the Clapham shirt (older readers will be pleased to note that we once again play in green and blue halves, albeit in a modern, silky material.

- Sean, Bart & Seamus Gavigan all played in the 1st XI at one time (and at one pace).
- Tom and Mick Duffy were both midfield, I never saw either of them in either box.
- Noel & Chris Curran only played a short time, but what talents.
- Eddie & Paul O'Brien: ankle ligaments a speciality.
- Gerry Taggart didn't play as long as Eamonn, but found 2nd XI captaincy was good training for marathon running. Eamonn went on to phenomenal success as 4th XI captain 1992-95.
- Tom McLoughlin was one of the best forwards we ever had, scoring the winner against Suits in the Old Boys' Cup Final; Mick committed the worst foul I've ever seen: "Sorry, mate".
- Mick McGrath was one of our more successful captains while Martin was talented without suffering the pangs of commitment.
- Dickie, Tony & Mick O'Flynn were great club assets when Millwall were playing away.
- Bob Murtagh was enthusiastic (MASSIVE euphemism, Ed), but Dave had silky left-footed skills which were not always appreciated by skipper Alan Webber.
- John Mansi (top player) could never get Andy to play away because he always had to be home to watch Dr Who on TV.
- Although only ever two out of three at any one time, the forward line of Frank, Paul & Tim Hobson would match any in the league of any time.

Around 1980, Clapham fielded a 1st XI with Frank Baretta in goal and 5 sets of brothers outfield: McGraths as above, Tim & Paul Hobson, David & John Leatham and the fabulously stylish Joe & Keith McElligott. John & Mick McGowan filled full back positions at a time when Mick was a shade fitter than he looks now. John McGowan in the tackle was a sort of cross between Charlie Retna and Kevin Bond (separated at birth?); VERY hard.

Since the mid-80s the club has relied particularly on the playing, leadership and administrative qualities of two families in particular: the Leathems and the Williams.

- Brendan Williams has played for every side in the club, scoring many goals and occasionally stepping them as regular keeper for lower elevens. As Club Captain, he has presided over one of our most successful periods ever. He now finds himself responsible for the discipline of players on the park (some irony here).
- John Williams gave up 6th XI captaincy to become a referee (no irony here).
- Arthur Williams has had several good years in the Ones and now skips the 2nd XI. He has been known to abuse referees.
- Joe Williams has just enjoyed his best season ever, scoring lots of goals in the 3rd XI cup run. He has no time to abuse referees; he's too busy straying offside.
- Paul Williams, a former 1st XI star, would not abuse a referee, but would abuse anyone arguing with his brothers.

The Clapham 1st XI has benefited from the excellent talents of Mick & James Leatham, but it is Dave & John who are at the backbone of the Club. Everybody knows what Dave has done for Clapham in terms of organising social functions and raising thousands of pounds; we should not forget his play on the field: plays either middle of the midfield or centre back, where he uses his power in the air and his crunching tackles (he is the only player I have ever

May 1995

Issue 1

# "Clapped Out"

## 1995 SEASON

### A WINNING START

**T**he first weekend of the 1995 Cricket Season saw both Old Xaverian sides winning their matches. On Saturday the 2nd XI played their traditional opening fixture against Olinda Vandals 2nd XI at the picturesque Brownacres ground in Walton. Clapham won the toss and elected to bat, after which they proceed to score 176-3 declared, their highest opening day score for many years. The main contributors to this total were debutante Bob Stiddard who scored 64 and Richard Lansiquet who weighed in with a brisk 53 not out. When Olinda Vandals batted they found the going tough throughout thanks to some good Clapham fielding (hard to believe!-Ed.), including two run outs. In a tense finish Clapham bowled Olinda out for 112 in the last over thanks to a fine catch at second slip by Seamus Burke, Michael Coles finishing with 3 for 12.

## The Newsletter of Clapham Old Xaverians Cricket Club

On the following day the Sunday XI undertook a new fixture against Old Actonians. Again bating first Clapham amassed 228-3 declared Old Actonians were then restricted to 208 all out. Notable all round contributions for Clapham came from Stan Miller (71 and 4 for 50) and new captain Gerry Amura (44 and 3 for 58). Other batting performances of note were contributions of 32 from Kevin Horkan (opening the batting!) and 20 not out from new recruit Michael Garvey.

This weekend sees the Saturday 1st XI playing a friendly fixture against Barclays Bank with the 2nd XI traveling to Catford to play Private Banks. The Sunday XI are due to play Bexleyheath

## COXCC TO BE SPONSORED

**T**he STAC shop at the Oval has kindly agreed to sponsor this years' COXCC tour to the Isle of Wight in July. Negotiations are currently at an advanced stage to decide what form this sponsorship should take.

## CLUB RAFFLE

The club committee have recently decided to introduce a monthly raffle, to be drawn on the last playing day of each month. Tickets prices at £1 each will be available from all captains. The monthly prizes will consist of various items of cricket equipment. As this is a fund raising idea for the club, all players are encouraged to participate in the raffle.

## VE - DAY CELEBRATION

COXA are celebrating VE day on the 8th May at Norbury with a barbecue and "fun" day. The festivities start at 4pm, at a cost of £3 per head (ish). For further details please contact Brian Sanders on 0171 639 4430

## 46. The 1997 Mayfield Picnic - what a great day out that was....

### **MAYFIELD PICNIC**

***Sunday 20th July 1997***

**at**

**Mayfield College  
Little Trodgers Lane  
Mayfield  
East Sussex**

**This years annual picnic looks like bieing the best one yet ! In the College's centenary year a "nostalgia bus" has been booked to take your, your family and friends to the leafy fields of East Sussex. The double decker will depart NORBURY STATION at 9.45 a.m. The cost will be £7.50 per adult, children will travel FREE. The bus will leave Mayfield around 6.00 p.m. returning to Norbury at 8.00 p.m.**

**(The only other pick up points will be Crystal Palace at 10.00 a.m. and Beckenham at 10.15 a.m.)**

**You will need to bring your picnic, hamper, barbecue, booze, games, sun cream, bermuda shorts, etc etc.**

**Any one who wishes to make their own way to Mayfield meet at the BICYCLE ARMS P.H. on the A267, just outside Mayfield any time after 12 noon. For anybody who has never been to Mayfield it is approximately ten miles south of Royal Tonbridge Wells.**

**Please confirm your seats on the bus by sending a cheque to :**

**Eddie O'Brien  
54 Erskine Road  
Sutton  
Surrey SM1 3BQ**

**Telephone : 0181-644 1803 (Home)  
0171-525 3568 (Work)**

**Demand for seats will be strong so please book early !**

47. Brother Ambrose RFP [tough teacher]  
retired; became a really nice bloke, loved COXA



Brother Ambrose, C.F.X. died 25 October 1995

Requiem Mass and interment 31 October

We have come together this morning in this chapel of Mayfield College to praise God and to thank Him for the life of Brother Ambrose who died peacefully in the West Middlesex Hospital at the age of 76 just a week ago. He knew he was dying and he accepted this calmly and, in fact, it pleased him to realise that he would soon be seeing his mother and father again. This was something that he freely talked about.

Brother Ambrose left home just over sixty years ago to join the Brothers. He took his first vows in 1939 and was finally professed in 1942. As a religious and as a schoolteacher, his life was one of dedicated service. He had more than his share of serious illness in his life, but always found the strength and endurance to pull through and get back to his work. Some would say that it was childhood spent in combating the rigours of the County Durham climate that gave him this toughness and resilience. He certainly retained throughout his life an affection for and a pride in his northern origins. His first serious illness came when he was a young lad about the age of seven when it was discovered that he was suffering from osteomyelitis and it was expected that he would lose a leg. Expert surgery in Newcastle saved the leg and with much patient determination he forced himself into walking again without artificial support. When he was fifteen, a Kaverian Brother came to his school on a recruiting mission and Jim (Ambrose to be) decided that he wanted to join the Brothers and he told the nun who was in charge. Her response was to tell him not even to think of it because he was not strong enough to cope. Jim's mother, however, decided he should at least be given the chance to become what he wanted to be. He joined and survived the Brothers' life for 59 years. His first serious illness after joining the Brothers occurred very early in his teaching career when he was at Brighton. Brother Bernard, who is here today, was a pupil at our Brighton school at the time. He clearly remembers that it was very much feared that Brother Ambrose would die, and many prayers were offered for his restoration to health. He did get better and as soon as he was strong enough to walk he went round all the classrooms to thank the students with great sincerity for their prayers.

In the course of his career, he taught at Brighton, Manchester, Clapham, Foxhunt, West Hartlepool and Mayfield - forty years in all. He worked very hard in the classroom to help his students to achieve as highly as possible, but he never considered a teacher's work as restricted to the classroom. He believed that in order to help young students to develop fully as persons the teacher must also give leadership, example, respect and friendship to the students through contacts and activities outside the classroom. I remember seeing him often in his younger days on Saturday mornings running up and down the football pitch refereeing school matches, and, by way of showing respect for those taking part, no matter how minor the



## 48. More on Brother Ambrose

match, he always dressed as if he were refereeing a Wembley Cup Final. In both work and play he liked people to give of their best - he himself never gave less.

He loved music and history and used to find great enjoyment in his listening and reading. His great outdoor hobbies were gardening and Manchester United. Since retiring from teaching fifteen years ago he has spent many, many hours working in the garden, making the place more beautiful for others as well as for himself. As for his devotion to Manchester United, I can only comment that we all have our faults and failings, but, fortunately, the Lord is very merciful.

I first met Brother Ambrose in the mid 1940s and the first thing I observed about him in community was his love of prayer and his attentiveness to his religious duties. His devotion to Our Lady was a source of strength in him right up to the moment of his death. Another thing I noticed in those early days was his concern to contribute in whatever way he could to the alleviation of the poverty of others coupled with a great reluctance to spend money on himself except for basic essentials. He had an innate sense of loyalty which was very evident in his attitude to the Brothers, the schools he taught in and the students whom he taught. Many were the contacts he kept with former pupils and during his years of retirement at Bradley House many of these visited him and unfailingly received a warm welcome.

Twelve months ago he had a very serious operation for cancer. Once again, contrary to expectation, he made a good recovery, but this time the energy did not return and he was unable to work any more in his beloved garden or do any more exercise than walk around the outside of the house a few times a day. He did at last begin to feel weary of things. Quite suddenly the cancer attacked again and the end came soon. He died calmly, peacefully and prayerfully. I ask you all to be generous in making intercession for the repose of his soul. The Church requires this of us. But at the same time we can in our hearts rejoice in the certainty that Brother Ambrose is now at rest in God and has already received the only reward he ever sought.

His life will be like a watered garden  
And he will never be weary again.

Right. Let's see; thirty quid for subs, six quid for match fees, a bundle for the bar and the "Stop" table. Boots, pads (back and front), towel (should've got that washed during the Summer), soap(borrow Roy's), after shave (borrow Neil's). A new season, I love it.

### Copy of extract of letter sent to Roger Sparks.

Dear Roger,

I felt that I simply had to write and congratulate you on what I read in the Times "Schools League" supplement this morning (November 21st 1995). In first position in the "Most Improved State Schools" table I see "St. Francis Xavier School, North Yorks.". An improvement from 1994's 29% 5 or more A-C grade GCSEs to 1995's 61% is a remarkable achievement. Well done.

Think he heard Clapham had moved

# 49. Clapham Old Xaverians Membership 1996

## MEMBERSHIP

We've got a lot of members, and if you're reading this, you're probably one of them. BUT, have you paid ?? Below is a list of life and honorary members: if you are not on it, then you owe us (that's US, YOU & ME) a fiver a year.

Rev. P. Best  
 Rev. M. Creech  
 Rev. R.J. Cuming  
 Fr. T. Finigan  
 Rev. E. Lumley-Jones  
 Rev. E.A. Mead  
 Rev. A.G. Richens  
 Rev. J.B. Warillow

Rev. Bro David  
 Rev. J.F. Cronin  
 Rev. M. Curtin  
 Rev. K. Haydon  
 Rev. M.J. Lynham  
 Rev. C.J. Murtagh  
 Rev. T. Tanner  
 Rev. D. Whyte

Fr M. Chandler  
 Rev. J. Cronin  
 Rev. G.C. Furey  
 Rev. P. Houlihan  
 Rev. M. McQuiggan  
 Rev. P.J. Pierce  
 Rev. F.A. Tierney

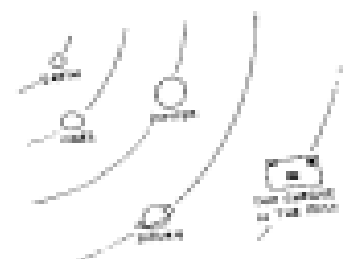
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 B. Campbell  
 R.T. Collins  
 M. Cory  
 L.G.M. Davis  
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 J.F. Gilhooly  
 P. Hixson  
 T. Jones  
 N.A. Lynch  
 W. Madigan  
 B.L. McDermott  
 J. McQueeney  
 J. Norton  
 A.C. Page  
 L.E. Powell  
 Tom Purcell  
 Sheila Rowe  
 M.J. Ryan  
 G.A. Sheppard  
 B. Schrenk  
 C. Truss  
 M. Ware  
 J. Williams

F.W. Baldwin  
 W.L. Booth  
 M. Brien  
 A. N. Camacho  
 W.C. Collins  
 A.V. Crichton-Smit  
 M. Duffy  
 P. C. Furey  
 D.A. Hicks  
 D.W. Jones  
 P. Keenan  
 P. Leader  
 M. Magee  
 P. McDermott  
 J. McNicholas  
 Briony O'Sullivan  
 W.G. Palmer  
 M. Power  
 S.P. Quick  
 G.C. Rowe  
 D. Sanders  
 R.J. Schwenk  
 P.D. Tehan  
 R.A. Tuft  
 S. Wiltshire

P.J. Barry  
 R.C. Brookes  
 M. Boyd  
 Lt. Col. F. Cetre  
 D.J. Cooper  
 D. Donnelly  
 T.M. Ennis  
 P. Gunn  
 J. Howard  
 B. James  
 L. Larkin  
 J. Luba  
 D. Martin  
 M. Meade  
 M.P. O'Shea  
 Mick O'Sullivan  
 R.F. Pierce  
 B.W. Pryke  
 D. Quin  
 P. Roderick-Jones  
 B. Sanders  
 A. Sanders  
 A.G. Thomas  
 E. Tope  
 A. Webber

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP IS A BARGAIN €75.00 , ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP - €5.00



## 50. Clapper 1994 - a true story from a northern Newspaper

### A Challenge to Norbury??

A genuine clip from a northern newspaper came into my possession; maybe there is a better bar than Norbury somewhere. The photocopy was grim, so I've reproduced it verbatim.

"Drinkers in a pub in the northeast went on an eight-hour binge after finding themselves at the centre of an armed siege. Police surrounded the building and brought in marksmen after being told that an armed robber and two suspects were inside the Ship in the Hole at Wallsend, Tyne & Wear.

But their appeals for customers to come out were ignored as the pub-goers drank themselves into a stupor. They eventually emerged in the early hours yesterday when they were too drunk to care - or to answer questions.

The siege began on Sunday afternoon when detectives were tipped off that the three men were in the pub close to Swan Hunter shipyard. Up to 40 officers, some wearing flak jackets, ringed the pub where at least 30 people had spent the afternoon drinking and watching strippers.

As an officer approached the pub he was met with a torrent of abuse and refused entry. Superintendent Bob Pattison who led the operation, said "We tried to get the people to come out, but they were all happy to stay and keep on drinking... I think we are probably looking at the driest pub in Wallsend."

Fifteen people gave themselves up shortly afterwards but as officers moved in a police dog and its handler were kicked. The officer suffered a broken finger and four people were arrested.

Negotiations with those still inside were opened over a mobile phone but as the night wore on, they became less and less coherent. Every so often, the pub door would open and a figure would appear, hands in the air as if in surrender, but as officers moved out of the shadows, he would rush back inside to a roar of laughter from the bar.

Police eventually made 17 arrests. One person was charged with being drunk and disorderly and two were cautioned. The rest were released."

Brilliant.



*"So what if people do laugh? The world can use a little more laughter, can't it?"*

51.

The 1990s were really the decade for Tours..  
here the Coventry Tour 1996

COXAFC FOOTBALL TOUR 1996, COVENTRY.

"The thing about tour is, that it really doesn't matter where you go, as long as you go."

Well, we'd been to Coventry before; we'd been to Lowestoft, Torquay, Dublin, Glasgow, New York, Berlin, Amsterdam and Prague in between but now we're back in the Midlands. The Lady Godiva Hotel did not, alas, boast naked staff, but this was seen to be only a matter of time (oh really?). Within minutes of our arrival, base camp was set up at the Holyhead Arms and strategy for the Saturday match, next afternoon, was discussed. "Ten men to the golf course, ten men to the pub, let's meet up later". Later, much later, the assembly found itself in the ballroom of the Godiva at that which is known locally as "The Old Bags' Ball". Editorial sensitivity would normally cause me to gloss over following events, but the collective romantic achievements of the group was a total score of ZERO. Not even Adrian DeCoursey Bertie; not even Roy "Angel Face" Hartnett (spoken for, anyway, and an expectant father; nice one Roy); not even Steve "Charisma" Parker; not even etc, etc, etc.....

Saturday in Coventry saw the team travelling to Leicester (!) for a match with some of Arthur Williams' colleagues in the construction racket. A friendly match between some proud Midlanders and some dizzy, hungover Londoners was hurtling towards a Nil-Nil draw when Steve "Placid" Pagett biffed their star player, who had mistaken sloth for cowardice. The match resumed with 11-a-side as both sides sneaked a substitute on to the pitch while the ref wasn't looking. The Leicester boys won 1-0 (or was it 2-0?), so we went to the pub and bought them some drinks while they watched Bath nick the Pilkington Cup from under their noses, on the telly.

McGrannigans Paddy and Kevin, cousins of Eamonn Taggart, were our guides to this Second City on our third visit here. So it was their Sunday side who were given the privilege of facing a distinctly bar-weary Tourist side on Sunday morning. Four-nil down after after half an hour, we rallied to lose 5-3, with a display a running, kicking, throwing and vomiting from Mick O'Sullivan that will long be in the memory of any who witnessed it. Unfortunately, this included some women and small children, who are now receiving counselling. Back at Counden Social Club, it was some time before former "Beer Monster" Mick was back to his old self. Meantime, Eddie "Le Grand Petomaine" Walsh was tucking into the local Mild at £1.05 a pint. At seventeen stone and 5ft10in, this mobile road block on his first tour has attracted the attention of agents Scully and Mulder; his uncanny room-clearing was however, more X-rated on the nose than cause to open an X-file.

Once again, the strange thing that is Coventry's social life found us all on the wrong side of the bouncers for all of the favourite pubs, on a Sunday night. How then did we all manage to get completely slaughtered? Monday's train journey home after an extended lunchtime session was the world's first wind-assisted card school. Thanks due to Vic, Art and Eamonn for organising everything, and to Jimmy "The Jug" Burke, for just turning up.

This really was the Eamonn Taggart Tour, he organised it, knew everybody, was everywhere and met almost all his relations.

Nov 5th, 1996.

C.O.X.A. Old Boy makes the front page of The Times -yet again!

Cricket was Nick Scott's main game but he also enjoyed playing football. We both played an occasional game for the Old Boys in the early 1950's. In those days C.O.X.F.C ran two teams- just- both organised by Tony Brinn, who also refereed the home friendlies. C.O.X.F.C weren't in the Old Boy's League at that time, as far as I remember. Nick Scott was busy working towards the National Chairmanship of the Young Conservatives, so we were glad when he could spare the time to play. He scored some fine goals, and unlike me, had the advantage of kicking effectively with both feet. Since we were both playing as inside forwards (under forties please consult your parents!), this meant we never had any arguments about my preference for playing on the right.

Earlier, when we were in the fourth year (Year Ten) in 1947, Nick's father ran his own football team for his two sons Nick and Chris and some of us from the school. One member I remember was Insole, a difficult and determined defender to get round, who left school in 1948 and later became an airline pilot. It was not long after the end of the war and pitches must have been difficult to come by; the team used a large disused bomb site in Clarence Avenue to play on (probably where a school is now sited).

The pitch had decided drawbacks. It did have a certain amount of grass in places, but in general you had to be careful to keep your feet. This was because of the bricks and hardcore lying just below the dirt surface. Sliding tackles could be attempted with safety but only if you were in the know (probably only the home team would be) and remembered where you were on the pitch. We actually played Chelsea F.C. junior team on this pitch but for once it did not help us much. It was a great honour to play Chelsea of course, but losing ten- nil was all we achieved after 90 minutes of hard defensive play.

Nick's father was a policeman of rank- a superintendent, or

## 53. Henry's story on Nick Scott continues....

an inspector. I remember him being quite interested to discover I had had my bag searched one night in Streatham High Street by two of his plain-clothes men. Drugs were not on the scene in those days of course. I had no idea what they were looking for but it certainly wasn't for a wet towel, a pair of muddy boots and a load of dirty football gear.

Over the years I have followed Nick's progress with interest. He had a very difficult and nerve racking job for many years as a minister commuting to Northern Ireland. I must admit when he turned up for the final 'do' when the old college closed, I wondered if we might all be the I.R.A.'s target for tonight. Glancing around at all the Old Boys I had never met before wasn't at all reassuring. None of them looked like M.I.5 bodyguards, with bulging pockets. The only bulges were waistlines.

Finally for anyone reading this who is interested in astrology, Nick and I were both born on the very same day in 1933. Besides both being at the same primary and secondary schools, he was N.F. for Chelsea while I worked at Chelsea, London University. However, for some reason or other, the stars must have been misleading. Why didn't I make the front page of The Times today as well (or, indeed, any of the other pages?) To console myself for neglect by the press, I am now in the very act of studying Nick's close-up photo. Quite naturally he does look a little worried. But remember he is a fighter. And maybe he does look his age a bit more than I do? Yes, there is no doubt about it, he does....

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By the time you read this we will surely all know if Sir Nicholas did or did not get re-re-adopted for Chelsea and Kensington. I hope so, and I further hope that maybe eventually he will, later rather than sooner, become Lord Scott of...Chelsea...or Clapham...or perhaps even of C.O.S.A.

Why not?

Henry Pincent

### School v The Old Boys

Mark Freece promised to organise a report of this event, but since he is unfamiliar with the words "piss-up" and "brewery" in the same sentence, the report will wait until next year. However, Mickey Walsh, punter, skiver, subs-dodger, bigot and voice of the clubhouse had an opinion.....

Well, nothing changes; me and Leatham and Bren Williams and Chris McGeran and Vic were all left on the sideline as usual. Okay, we might be fat or old or ginger, but Pettley even sneaked a game. Still, the Old Boys went marching in with heads held high as the School crept back with tails between their legs; it was important to win the first Challenge (for a fantastic trophy, by the way, donated by Sheila). I had a word with Spencer McGuire after the Game, and he sportingly admitted that "they matched everything we could throw at them. We came out fighting in the first half, they came out fighting in the first half. We set out on some mazy runs, so they set out on some mazy runs. So then we created some really good chances and they created some really good chances, but we couldn't put our chances away and they couldn't put their chances away either, so when it came to half time I gave our lads a good ear roasting but I think that their captain must have given his lads a good ear roasting because they came out after the interval willing to give it all they'd got. Luckily our lads were willing to give it all they'd got after which they turned the heat on a bit and played the possession game so we turned the heat on a bit and played the possession game....."

Anyway, the 6-4 scoreline more or less reflected the difference between the two sides, that being that we scored six and they scored four. Although Mick Power had done sterling work in the catering area, they even failed to match us in the bar, going down to the away bar bills ruling, several of their team being red-carded for drinking coke, and doing their homework.



*'Think positive - you've filled in your last tax return'*

## 55. 1998/99 Football end of season Report



### End of Season.

The 1998/99 football season ended at Norbury on F.A. Cup Final day when a Captains' XI took on an Under 21's XI. With a midday kick off in the early summer heat an unusually competitive match ensued and the match finished honours even at 3-3.

The serious business of post match food and a grandstand seat for the Final was the main priority for the gathering crowd. Having been suitably entertained by the mighty Man. Utd, the business of end of season awards took place and club captain Chris Megoran was the main focus of attention.

Having outlined his disappointment in not having a more formal end of season do, he was delighted that such a number had stayed to support the end of season awards.

1<sup>st</sup> XI Player of the Year was awarded to John Moffat. He had been instrumental in the 1st XI revival and had worked his way up from the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI; through to the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI to claim his own first team slot.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI player was given to Kevin Tynan, who also had established himself in the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI having been promoted from the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI earlier in the season.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Bernie Marquis had had an exceptional season and there was never any doubt who would receive this award.

The 4<sup>th</sup> XI award went to experience and consistency, namely Rod Stewart, who was a permanent fixture in the 4<sup>th</sup> XI last season.

In the Fives, the goal-scoring prowess of Donovan Rennalls was rewarded. Through his marksmanship the 5<sup>th</sup> XI finished in a comfortable position within their division.

To prove that goal keeping is still an important art, the 6<sup>th</sup> XI award has handed to Brian Grubb for yet another consistent season.

The 7<sup>th</sup> XI honour recognised the efforts of Peter Stevens, who had an excellent season at left back and must surely play up the sides next season.

The Vets Award was given to the ever youthful (forty something years old?) Eddie O'Brien.

However the main event was the following awards:

Young Player of the Year: Matt Cefai.

Matt finished the season in the 1<sup>st</sup> XI in his first full season.

Player of the Year: Colin Brown

Easily the most successful captain last season.

Clubman of the Year: Dan Condon

For his great organisational skills and ten years continuous service as captain.

And finally, Andrew Leedham scooped £800.00 prize money in the Ten Pound draw, although not present bought a round of drinks!



## 56. The End of the Road for John McGuire [well for his football career at least]

### THE END OF THE ROAD

Saturday the 17th May 1997 marked an unfortunate date in my calendar. This was the day that I unfortunately (or fortunately as some of you may put it) had to retire from football through injury.

The occasion was marked by a Testimonial Match at Norbury between my select 11 and an Ale House 11. Much to my very pleasant surprise there was a magnificent turn out from players past and present and to add to the occasion the weather was very kind and in turn there was also a magnificent turn out of spectators including wives and children.

The match went very quickly and I did before the kick off speak to the referee to ensure that the game did not become too charitable and a bit of a farce but as events turned out it was probably one of the most competitive and sporting matches played at Norbury this year. It ended in a 2/2 draw which was not contrived and as I say it brought to the end of my football career playing for Clapham. It lasted in excess of 35 seasons and obviously there were good times and bad. Perhaps more about this another day in another article.

I must admit that the three cheers for me at the end of the game brought tears to my eyes as did the presentation in the bar afterwards.

My heartfelt thanks to those who organised the day especially my sons, Spencer and Gary and to the referee Kieran Brady, Mick and Mick the bar staff and Briony and Kelly in the kitchen. In addition my thanks to everyone connected with Clapham for making my time so enjoyable over all the years. As I say more about that another day.

Thank you once again to one and all.

John McGuire



## 57. 1997 - COXA Vets v League Select XI

### COXA VETS VERSUS LEAGUE VETS INVITATION SIDE

Sunday 16th March 1997

Colin Garvey writes:

Clapham College was founded by the Xaverians in 1897. It is fairly certain that soccer was introduced quickly into school life. In the 1920's the Old Boys' Association was formed and soccer became one of its sections. A succession of dedicated individuals led the soccer section from strength to strength - starting with Don Mulvihill and John Woollard, Maurice and Steve Ward, Tony Brinn and Derek Rowe right through to today when so much is owed to Eddie O'Brien. Thus when the COXA committee was discussing events for 1997, one of the first choices was a soccer match.

On March 16th a team of vets from other friendly clubs in the OB football league took the field at Norbury against a team of Vets from Clapham. The Clapham team were taken off at half-time and another team of Clapham Vets went on, much to the dismay of the guests. They needn't have worried, the final score was 3-3. Players quickly made for the bar, where jugs of beer were exchanged with the guests. Brian Sanders thanked the guests for honouring the occasion and presented each one with a COXA tie.

On the day itself, and subsequently in letters, many of the guests paid generous tribute to the spirit of amateur football in general, and the OBFL in particular, displayed by Clapham over the years. One visitor told me that he always looked forward to playing Clapham with mixed feelings - his team would have to fight hard to gain even a point, yet afterwards he would meet old friends in the bar. Moreover he paid a further tribute, "When you play Clapham you have a great time on the Saturday and you regret it on the Sunday". Perhaps we in COXAFC have come close to the true Old Boys' spirit.

The Players were:

#### Guests:

Peter Ventress Josephians  
Billy O'Connell Salesians  
Roger Cradock Reigatians  
Martin Armstrong Suttonians  
Ricky Leach " "  
Sean Loughlin Fisher OB  
Paul Coley Josephians  
Dave Billing Reigatians  
Martin Fairclough Sinjuns  
Neil Tutt Thomtonians  
Eddie Myers " "

#### COXA

Mick Burke  
Colin Garvey  
Vic Roszkowski  
Eddie O'Brien  
Mick Powell  
Peter Brown  
John McGuire  
Wilson Bowers  
Paul Hixson  
Alan Webber  
Brendan Williams  
Peter Donoghue  
Frank Baretta  
Neil Keogh  
Kevin McKenna  
Richard Januszewski  
David Murtagh  
John Leathem  
John McGowan  
Ged Dolan  
Joe Davorn  
David Leathem  
Eamonn Taggart  
Jim Thornton  
Colin Brown

This seemed a great idea and event. Possibly we should have made an effort to replicate the fixture for the 125th Anniversary. Maybe the more apt date would be 2027 when COXA reaches its Centenary. As I write, Clapham Old Xaverians have been active for almost as long as Clapham College itself - quite a feat!

101 years....101 years....101 years....101 years....101 years....101 years

# ***CLAPPER***

As the new Chairman of the Association welcome to this edition of CLAPPER. Although long overdue I hope you will enjoy this issue.

After the great hiatus of the College's centenary year which, as most of you all know, ended in the Chairman's Luncheon at the Oval last January. Brian Sanders stepped down as the Association's Chairman after seven year's of dedicated service. Not only did he perform the duty of Chairman superbly well he also supported and organised many of our social functions (the Centenary weekend last September was an absolute triumph !), developed new friendships with St. Francis Xavier 6th Form College, presided over the renewal of the Norbury lease, and ensured the Norbury bar licence was renewed for a further ten years !

Whilst Chairman of the Association I know that Brian continued to teach part time, was a member of his own parish council, and continues to be a governor of St. Thomas the Apostle College.

We have much to thank him for and the current strength of the Association owes much to Brian 's enthusiasm, warmth and hard work. We wish him well for the future. However I am sure that Brian will continue to make his contribution the the Association as a valued committee member. (foreign travel permitting !)

To many of the footballers and cricketers, (those active and retired over the past twenty years or so ) I hope that I am no stranger. Our Committee strives to look after the Association's interests but over recent years we have turned into an enterprising small business and therefore our structures and key officers must be in place . My main and immediate concerns are finding replacements of our outgoing treasurer, a membership secretary, Clapper editor and a social secretary.

Joe Davorn has been a magnificent treasurer over the past six years. His financial advice and reporting has been sound and he leaves his post with our finances in good order. Like Brian the Association owes Joe a great vote of thanks. Joe tells me that this post is highly rewarding, interesting and involves all aspects of the Association's activities. Often you will find yourself being bought beers, generally having an enjoyable time. For further details contact Joe on 0181-693 6392.

Additionally, as I have just mentioned, we need a membership secretary to maintain our nominal roll, pursue our initiatives on recruitment and collect annual membership subscriptions. CAN YOU HELP ?

The Editor's post has been vacated by Dave Leathem through pressure of work. Thanks Dave for you past efforts, originality and controversy. If anyone fancies exercising their editorial licence please give me a call.



**Eddie O'Brien**  
May 1998

## 59. Shock Horror - Ted Hayter retires [again] -

### **PERSONALIA..... PERSONALIA..... PERSONALIA.....**

Ted Hayter has retired again ! This time as librarian at St. Thomas the Apostle College, Nunhead. He stamped his last book on 21st July.

Kieran Fagin retired as Principal at Christ the King Sixth Form College, Lewisham also at the end of the Summer term.

Cecil Pocock after forty-six years (surely some record !!!) has retired from the bench as a magistrate. Cecil celebrated his 70th birthday in July.

Mick Weir retired from the Financial Times.

Congratulations to Mick Casserly and Kevin Curtin on their recent promotions at St. Thomas the Apostle College.

Eric Tope has completed his MBA. Now he has time on his hands Eric has decided to study for a doctorate. Good Luck !

Paul Lennon, former 2nd XI footballer, takes up a position in a Milan school next September. His flat is in close proximity to the San Siro Stadium.

Andrew Sanders is also on foreign travels.....to New York. As there is not enough trading to do in London these days Andrew is off to try his luck on Wall Street. A reunion appears to be in the offing as another Sanders, brother Stephen is in Ann Arbor, Michigan, only 1,000 miles up the road.

Stephen Sanders was back in England for a couple of weeks in August. He managed to look up many old friends and apologies to the ones he didn't.

Mick and Briony O'Sullivan produced another son, Aaron Luke on 10th July at St. Georges, Tooting. He weighed in at 9lb 10oz.....Congratulations.

Congratulations to Pat Gillam was rewarded with a knights bachelor in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for his services to Industry. Sir Patrick, now 65 years old, is a former classmate of Ted Hayter and Tony Morrish. He worked at BP for 34 years, was highly successful as ASDA's chairman from 1991 to 1996 and in 1997 became Royal and Sun Alliance chairman. He has been chairman of Standard Chartered Bank since 1993 and non executive director since 1988.

Gary McGuire married Sharon on 7th August . The happy couple honeymooned in Crete. Amongst the guests were O.X's Tim and Paul Hixson, Alan Webber, Mick and Briony O'Sullivan, Brendan and Paul Williams, Eddie O'Brien, Colin Brown, Vic Roszkowski, John Pettley, Steve Webb and Ged Dolan.

David Nix has put on ice his plans to start up a bar business in Turkey. He starts a new career with London Transport somewhere on the Jubilee Line Extension, and of course, COXA Treasurer.

Steve Platt tied the knot with Caroline on 18th July.

## 60. 1997 - Gerry Salmon writes from Canada

26th September 1997

Possibly after a quarter of a century Gerry might write again?

Dear David,

*Please find enclosed my subscription cheque for life membership ( I hope I survive until the year 2012, otherwise this will be yet another bad investment) for £75.00*

*I was a 60's pupil, directly alongside Wilson Bowers (1961 - 1968), as you can imagine, put off C.O.X.A. almost forever. Still, time moves on, and memories fade. That is until the approach of 2nd childhood. I've worked for BOAC/British Airways for just about 30 years now and often bump into old contemporaries - Paul West, Paul Gilmore, who have likewise dedicated themselves to a life of service! - and often find myself dreaming back to those days of walking around the paddock, watching athletes in training, some throwing javelins at animals, teachers and First Years. One of my first memories at Clapham is seeing Brian Hart hanging from Jalpha window, held by his ankles, pleading for clemency. It was at that moment I decided to always pay the one shilling Building Fund (-Jerusalem playing in my head). And whatever happened to that ancient sport of "poling"?*

*I've been trying to persuade my brother, Chris, 1958 - 1965, to come back into the fold too, as it would probably enable both of us to see more of each other. Living just south of Oxford is a mite too distant to be part of the football team these days however.*

*I must finish with a thanks for the "Clapper", always a good read and always good to find out about different people from a dark and murky past. If anyone from my era remembers "The Cavendish Tales" I can arrange serialisation.*

*Good luck and best wishes*



Gerry Salmon



## COXA BUFFET

**SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 1999**

A reminder to you all that the Association is once again hosting one of its, now famous, buffets. If you have attended one before you will know the form, if not shame on you! So put a date in your diaries to meet up with your playmates of yesteryear.

- Venue:** The Dining Hall  
St Francis Xavier 6<sup>th</sup> Form College  
Malwood Road  
Clapham
- Date:** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1999
- Time:** 7:30 for 8:00pm
- Menu:** Mixed buffet supper with vegetarian option  
Pudding selection  
Cheese & biscuits  
All the wine, beer, soft drink you can manage  
Superb company
- Price:** £15 per head (zero inflation increase for 3 years)

Needless to say wives and partners (permanent or just passing) are very welcome.

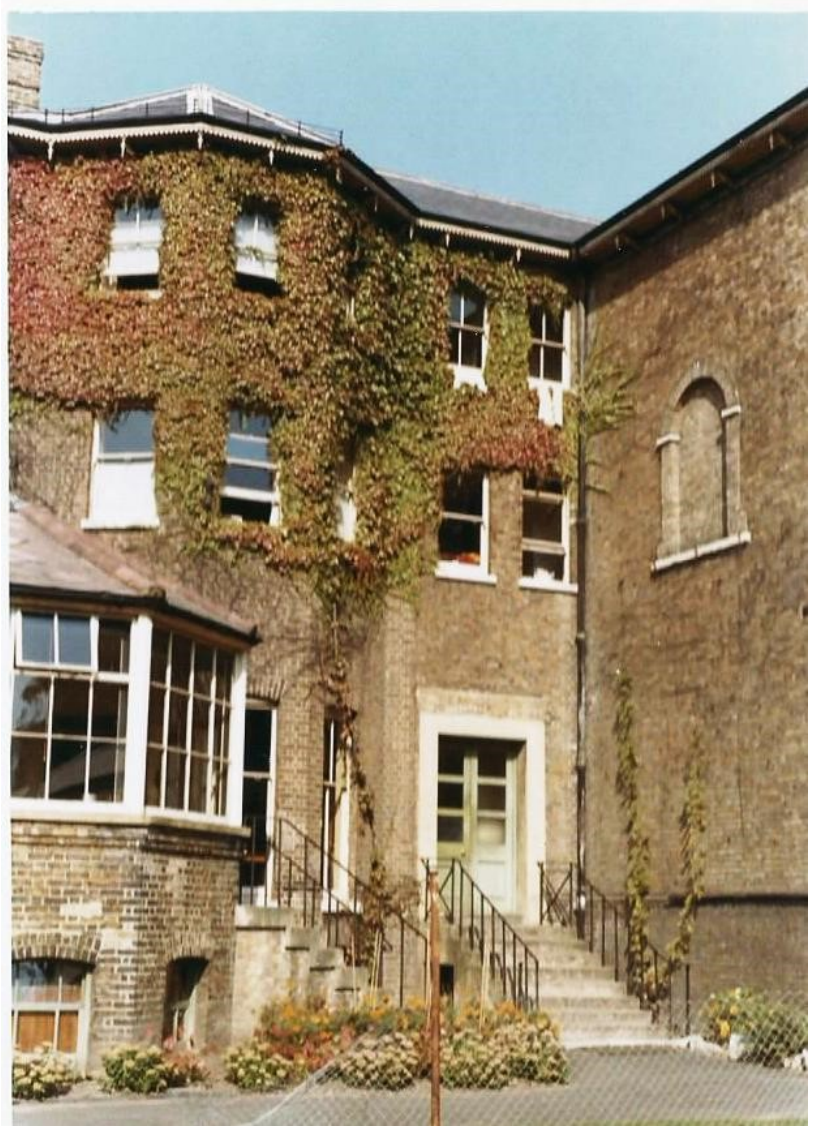
Why not bring along some of your old schoolmates, especially if they could not make it last year.

We expect this function, as always, to be very popular, so **please book early.**

**Contact:** Mick Power



62. Personal Obsession - sorry I love these buildings so I've added a few more....



63 ...and a few more [after all it was just like this in the 1990s..





# 64 Some more of Clapham College's iconic buildings



**Enough, Enough...**



65. 1997 letter from Old Xaberian Nick Scott MP to Colin Garvey

THE RT HON SIR NICHOLAS SCOTT KBE MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

28 March 1997

Sir Nicholas Scott – MP



Dear Colin,

I am so sorry that I have not responded earlier to your very kind letter but I have been inundated with messages of support and good wishes from friends and members of the public alike.

Now dissolution looms, and I have I'm afraid resorted to a rather standard reply. Please forgive me, but I do want you to know that your support and kind thoughts have given Celie and me great comfort.

I'm afraid that the 'Secretaries' have unfortunately delayed this reply, but I am deeply grateful how for you taking the trouble to write and for the sentiments you expressed. I fear for the balance of my party in the next Parliament - but even more for the level at which this election seems likely to be fought!

Thank you again for writing

Yours

Nick.

## CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS' GOLF DAY



FRIDAY, 26TH JULY 1997

AT

COULSDON COURT.

In the Centenary year of Clapham College, it is also the Association's tenth anniversary of our Golf Day. All welcome but numbers are limited so please contact Eamonn Taggart to secure your place. The cost of a days golf (36 holes) is £60.00, inclusive of lunch and dinner.

As usual there will be generous prizes so please let Eamonn know of your interest as soon as possible.

All enquiries and cheques to : Eamonn Taggart

### CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS XVI GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

### WINNERS OF PREVIOUS COXA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

	<u>COXA CHAMPION</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1988	B.WILLIAMS	44
1989	L.MULLANE	38
1990	C.SMITH	41
1991	J.THORNTON	46
1992	S.McGUIRE	35
1993	T.LONGWORTH	41
1994	D.MURTAGH	41
1995	D.MURTAGH	34
1996	T.PURCELL	39
1997	S.McGUIRE	40
1998	E.TAGGART	37
1999	G.TAGGART	41
2000	P.JONES	40
2001	J.McGUIRE	48
2002	T.McLOUGHLIN	53

## 67. COXA Golf Scores over the decade - sorry, no idea....

CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS XVI GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP																				
TEE-OUT	TEAMS	Handicap		Standard		Scores from the 1988 to 2002 Competitions														
		L.Y.	T.Y.	Score	Place	02	01	00	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92	91	90	89	88
						Indicates Previous Champions Winning Score.														
9.00am	B. Williams	12	9			36	39			39		34	29	36		35	38	31	44	
	T. McLoughlin	24	15			53		28		34		30						21	21	
	J. Thornton	20	20				33	32	26	32	35	38	30	26	34	31	46	37	29	27
	J. McGuire	15	18			31	48			34	37	36	31	25	26	34	18	30	34	
9.06	T. Longworth	24	22			30	32	30	31	30	32	36	28	24	41	34	27	30	7	17
	C. Smith	18	18			33	41	25	30				17		34	36	41	34		
	S. McGuire	22	20							40	35	25	28	35	35	19	34			
	G. Taggart	26	26			31	35	27	41	20	27	31	26							
9.12	M. Powell	19	19			35	39	32		30		33							32	
	J. Simmons	20	20			34														
	H. McGill	19	19			30	32													
	R. Goodwin	20	20			27	35													
9.18	K. Taggart	21	21			22	36	37	33	37	31	38	28	31	23	32	30	28	25	30
	J. Regan		24					21												
	J. McCowan	28	28				32	15	19											
	N. Mathisen		24																	
9.24	A. McDonald	28	27			39	33													
	T. Judge	14	14				30		19											
	K. Howard	20	20				37		17		38	26		37						
	J. Mansi		26																	
9.30	G. Price	26	26					29	22											
	P. Price	24	24			26	34	35												
	J. Sewell	16	16				27	32												
	L. Nicolau		28																	
9.36	D. Nathan	28	27			39	28	29	19	20	21									
	E. Keama	28	28			29		19			27	30			16	3	11		8	
	F. Baretta	28	28			17	33	16												
	P. Rad.-Jones		28																	
9.42	D. Leatham	28	28					14	20		14		29						11	
	M. Burke	28	28			24	20	6								6			13	
	B. Walsh		18													33				
	T. O'Shea	28	28						21	12	13	14	9	23	13					
9.48	P. Keenan		18																	
	P. Butler	22	22			35	37	28												
	D. Blake	24	24			32														
	J. Leatham		26																	
Total No. of Entrants		36				27	36	41	30	16	23	22	31	31	21	20	26	32	22	24

# 68. Oct 1995 COXA Teamsheet

## Clapham Old Xaverians Football Section Teamsheet No: 5 for matches Saturday 14th October 1995

<b>1st XI v. Opposition to be arranged</b> All players to call Spencer McGuire by Thurs evening	Arnold McGuire G & S Wabb Leatham J & M McGowan Pate Maloney S O'Shea Sebula
<b>2nd XI v. Old Wokingians Res (League)</b> AWAY at Loop Road Woking KO 3:00 Depart Morden Station 1:30	Burke McDonald McManus Maloney R Thornton Cefai Williams P & A Comerford Brown Dooner Donald
<b>3rd XI v. Opposition to be arranged</b> All players to call Chris Megeran by Thurs evening	Coulstock Pittar Quinn Megeran Rosowski D Slattery McSherry Walsh Hutter Lansiquot Pollard Murr
<b>4th XI v. Queen Marys College OB III (LOB Minor Cup)</b> HOME at 316 Grand Drive, Raynes Park KO 3:00 Depart Morden Station 2:15 <b>CHANGE KIT</b>	AN Oher Locke Spiteri McKeown Eaton Fitzgibbon Marquis Tiggan Grace Nicholl Adiloph Pettley Rooney Carth
<b>5th XI v. Sheen OG V (LOB Novena Cup)</b> HOME at Orchard KO 3:00 Depart Norbury Station 2:00	Grubb D Keogh Stewart Char Coughlan O'Brien Davorn Siderowitzy Bertie Faulkner Williams B
<b>6th XI v. Old Wokingians VIII (League)</b> HOME at Orchard KO 3:00 Depart Norbury Station 3:00	Grubb B Condon Dolan Hugh Henderson Parrish Hartnett Sanderson Charles C Charles P Best McElhannon
<b>7th XI v. Sheen OG VII (League)</b> HOME at Norbury KO 3:00 All players to ground 2:00	Abbott Rigby Frazer Rosowski V Stuart McLoughlin J & M Ryan G Wardley Backovic Taroni O'Sullivan Sitson Ryan P

**If unavailable to play please phone:**

1st XI Spencer McGuire (H) 0181-693-7708 (O) 0181-653-9899	2nd XI Arthur Williams (H) 0181-747-1713 (M) 0585-625556	3rd XI Chris Megeran (H) 0171-407-6640 (M) 0672-616327	4th XI Tommy Fitzgibbon (H) 0181-764-9734 (M) 0956-399126
5th XI Andy Beaman (H) 0181-878-0652 (O) 0171-303-3905	6th XI Dan Condon (H) 0171-737-3999	7th XI Vic Rosowski (H) 0181-679-0225 (O) 0171-257-4188	Vets XI Michael Burke (H) 0181-644-1228

**Last weeks results:**

<b>1st XI</b>	v. Lew Association	Cup AWAY	Lost 0-3	
<b>2nd XI</b>	v. Old Taxisons III	League AWAY	Won 3-1	Williams A 3
<b>3rd XI</b>	v. Sheen OG III	League AWAY	Won 6-4	Pollard 2 Coughlan 2 Lansiquot 2
<b>4th XI</b>	v. Glyn OB IV	League HOME	Won 10-3	Nicholl 3 Carth 3 Marquis 2 Locke Adiloph
<b>5th XI</b>	v. NO GAME			
<b>6th XI</b>	v. Old St Marys IV	League HOME	Won 9-2	Charles C 6 Sanderson Best Charles P
<b>7th XI</b>	v. Glyn OB VIII	League HOME	Won 4-1	Taroni 2 Ryan G Wardley

**TRAINING:** Now at Bishop Thomas Grant School, Belltrees Grove Streatham Common on Tuesday evenings starting at 7.00 pm.

**REFEREES:** We desperately need club referees (qualified or not qualified) to help officiate our home matches. Please phone Eddie O'Brien if you can help on 0181-644-1803 (H) or 0171-525-3446 (O).

**WANT TO BECOME A QUALIFIED REFEREE?** Courses starting soon - contact Colin Garvey.

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS:** Don't forget to bring your cheque book with you on Saturday. £25.00

waged, £10.00 student/unemployed, schoolboys Nil. Pay your captains or send a cheque to Steve Platt, 56 Kestral Avenue, Herne Hill, SE24.

**CAPTAINS/DISCIPLINARY MEETING** this Saturday 6:15 at the clubhouse, S.Wabb, P Williams and R O'Brien invited to attend.

**REMINDER:** Old Boys' Football League Annual Dinner - Thurs. 9th November 1995

**ROLLING STONES NIGHT  
SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER 1995  
AT NORBURY CLUBHOUSE**

Congratulations to the 7th XI  
100% record in the Old Boys' League  
Keep it up!

**PLAY WELL - PLAY FAIR**

# 69. Football Teamsheet 30th Sept 1995

## CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS Teamsheet No. 3 for matches Sat. 30th Sept. 1995

<p><b>1st XI v. Old Islesworthians (Premier)</b>  <b>AWAY</b> at Arthur Road, Motspur Park K.O 1.00 p.m.            Directions : Depart Morden Station 1.00 p.m.</p>	<p>Anderson McGuire G &amp; S. McGowan            Leatham J. Maloney S. Connolly            Sekula O'Shea Webb Parle</p>
<p><b>2nd XI v. Carshalton Res (AFA Surrey Inter Cup) *Change*</b>  <b>HOME</b> at Norbury K.O 3.00 p.m.            Directions : All players must report at ground by 2.00 p.m.</p>	<p>Burke Platt Stewart Maloney R.            Quirke Cefai MacDonald Brown            Healy Williams A &amp; P.</p>
<p><b>3rd XI v. Old Mertonians IV (Div 2 South)</b>  <b>AWAY</b> at Riverside Lane, Barnes Br. Chiswick K.O 3.00            Directions: Depart <b>BALHAM STATION</b> 1.00 p.m.</p>	<p>Arnold Piter Rozzkowski D.            Huter McSherry Whelan Slattery Poillard            Murr Quinn Walsh Doonan</p>
<p><b>4th XI v. Old Wokingians IV (Div 3 South)</b>  <b>HOME</b> at Orchard K.O. 3.00 p.m.            Directions : Depart Norbury Station 2.00 p.m.</p>	<p>Cairnsack Thornton Locke Sygal Lennon            Leatham D. Nichol Fitzgibbon Taggart            Masqali Smith R. Eason Povey Carth O'Brien R</p>
<p><b>5th XI v. Glyn O.R. VI (Div. 3 South)</b>  <b>AWAY</b> at Kelgare Road, Priest Hill K.O 3.00 p.m.            Directions : Depart Morden Station 1.30 p.m.</p>	<p>Grabb D. Penley Stewart Chea Keogh            Brannon O'Brien Davorn Sidworthy            Williams Bertie</p>
<p><b>6th XI v. Old Dorkians V (Friendly)</b>  <b>AWAY</b> at Pitham Lane, Dorking K.O 3.00 p.m.            Directions : Depart Morden Station 1.30 p.m.</p>	<p>Grabb B. Condon Nix McLoughlin Pugh            Parish Henderson Sanderson Charles P.            Herbert Best Faulkner McElhatton</p>
<p><b>7th XI v. Opposition to be arranged (Friendly)</b></p>	<p>All available players to contact Vic Rozzkowski.</p>

If unavailable to play please immediately : 1st XI - Spencer McGuire 0181-697 7706 (H) 0181-653 9899 (O)  
 2nd XI - Arthur Williams 0181-767 1713 (H) 0585 625336 (Mobile) 3rd XI - Chris Magoran 0171-497 6640  
 (H) 0973 616327 (Mobile) 4th XI - Tommy Fitzgibbon 0181-764 9734 (H) 0956 390126 (Mobile) 5th XI  
 Andrew Brannon 0181-678 0652 (H) 0171-303 3003 (O) 6th XI - Dan Condon 0171-737 3959 (H) 7th XI -  
 Vic Rozzkowski 0181-670 8233 (H) 0171-257 4108 (O)

### Last Saturday's results :

1st XI v. Old Islesworthians (Premier) HOME	Won 3-0 Sekula, McGowan, Leatham M.
2nd XI v. Old Islesworthians Res (Div. 1 S) AWAY	Lost 1-2 Cefai
3rd XI v. Old Sloughs Res (Friendly) HOME	Lost 1-3 Whelan.
4th XI v. Fitzwilliam O.R. (Friendly) HOME	Won 5-1 Thornton, Nichol, Carth J.
5th XI v. Old Dorkians IV (Friendly) AWAY	Won 3-2 Bertie, Brannon, Davorn, Penley J. (10 men)
6th / 7th XI v. Old Westminster Citizens VI (Friendly)	Drew 4-4 Herbert J, Tarrow. O.G.
Sun - Vets v. Bob James' Dukes Head Vets (Friendly) HOME	Won 4-3 Williams B, Rozzkowski, Leatham D. McGuire J.

**TRAINING :** Now at Bishop Thomas Great School, Belbriem Grove, Streatham Common on  
 Tuesday evenings starting at 7.00 p.m.

**REFEREES :** We desperately need club referees (qualified or non qualified) to help officiate our  
 home matches. Please phone Eddis O'Brien if you can help 0181-644 1803 (H) or 0171-323 3446 (O)

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS :** Don't forget to bring your cheque book with you on Saturday. £25.00  
 waged, £10.00 student/unemployed, schoolboys Nil. Pay your captain or send a cheque to Steve Platt, 56  
 Kestral Avenue, Home Hill, SE24.

### The Club has received guidelines from the A.F.A. on the following matters:

**LATENESS :** In many cases last season there were numerous incidents of late kick offs due to both  
 home and away sides not allowing enough travelling time to grounds mainly due to Saturday afternoon traffic  
 congestion. Please ensure you arrive at meeting points **BEFORE** departure times.

**CAUTIONS/DISMISSALS :** Last season saw an unprecedented rise in misconduct reports in respect of  
**DISSENT** and **UNDENTMANLY CONDUCT**. The A.F.A. will take a strong line when dealing with offenders  
 and will support the referee in all cases unless there has been a mistake in identity.

**RACISM in Football -** The A.F.A. will follow the the Football Association's strong lead in any reports  
 of racism within our competitions.

Colin Gervey has details of personal insurances for football injury etc. Anyone interested speak to Colin.

**ADVANCE NOTICE - Old Boys' Football League Annual Dinner Thurs 9th November 1995**

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
LIMITED

Founded 1863

Patron: HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN  
President: H.R.H. THE DUKE OF KENT  
Chairman: K. ST. J. WHELAN

Chief Executive:  
R. H. G. KELLY CBE



Phone: 0171-402 7151/0171 242 4542  
Facsimile: 0171-402 0486

16 LANCASTER GATE, LONDON W2 3LW

Our Ref: RHGR/JS/JH/798 Year Ref: June, 1997

Mr. J. Wollard

Dear Mr. Wollard,

Our attention has been drawn to the very long service you have given to football in general and particularly the Clapham Old Xaverians Football Club.

We, at the Football Association, would like to record our appreciation of your wonderful efforts on behalf of football and to offer our congratulations to you on your achievements.

Will you please accept the enclosed gift with our very best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Executive

## Clapham Old Xaverian Football Club

**NEWSLETTER - Keeping you in touch with events**

### TRAINING

We have now entered two teams into the Dulwich Hamlet 7-a-side league. One side will play on Wednesday and the other on Thursday. Anybody who is interested in playing should call either David Nil's on 0181-291-5703 or Mark Connolly on 0171-701-4710. Both sides are in the top divisions and the standard on football is very good. There is a charge of £3.00 for playing and each game lasts one hour. Additionally we are looking for two Captains to man the sides. If interested speak to Chris Megoran in the Clubhouse.

7-A-SIDE FIXTURE LISTS					
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS			THURSDAY NIGHTS		
21/10/98	COXA v Lambeth All Stars	KO 7.45pm	22/10/98	COXA v Sydenham Old	KO 7.45pm
28/10/98	COXA v DKH	KO 8.30pm	29/10/98	COXA v Regulars	KO 8.30pm
04/11/98	COXA v Pro Star	KO 9.15pm	05/11/98	COXA v Fillets Matters	KO 9.15pm
11/11/98	COXA v Waterloo Wanderers	KO 7.00pm	12/11/98	COXA v Nurhead Boys	KO 7.00pm
18/11/98	COXA v Inter Cookers	KO 7.45pm	19/11/98	COXA v Inter P.T.W	KO 7.45pm
25/11/98	COXA v Lambeth All Stars	KO 8.30pm	26/11/98	COXA v Sydenham Gas	KO 8.30pm
02/12/98	COXA v DKH	KO 9.15pm	03/12/98	COXA v Regulars	KO 9.15pm
09/12/98	COXA v Pro Star	KO 7.00pm	10/12/98	COXA v Fillets Matters	KO 7.00pm
16/12/98	COXA v Waterloo Wanderers	KO 7.45pm	17/12/98	COXA v Nurhead Boys	KO 7.45pm

### CLUBHOUSE & CHANGING FACILITIES

First of all the football committee would like to thank everybody for their patience while we were getting to grips with our new grounds and changing facilities. We know that these were a little chaotic at times but it was good to see the old Clapham spirit kick in without complaint. The Club are now speaking with Croydon Council about our wishes and these are being dealt with. Additionally we have purchased four new sets of nets and various corner posts, flags, net ties and pegs.

One area of concern that has been brought to our attention is that for the last two weeks the changing rooms have not been cleaned out after use. It has always been the policy that the last team to use the showers rinse them out and the last team to use the changing rooms, sweeps them out. This year this policy has not changed and Captains shall be ensuring that everybody pitches in to help. Remember this Club relies on everybody doing their bit to help out.

### BAND NIGHTS & CLUB EVENTS

The Misbehaviour night was a success and many thanks to Steve Parker for the organisation and to everybody who came in support. Paul Williams kindly donated a barrel of Bitter for the night and this sold out within the hour. It was nice to see so many players' friends and family come along and a good time was had by all - Oh, and the band were pretty good as well!

On the back of this success Matt Benedict has declared that there is to be another Club Band Night on Saturday, 28 November 1998. It will follow the form of the Club Band Night last season that was highly successful (people will remember that the Clubhouse was packed and the bar was drunk dry!). This years theme has yet to be confirmed and an announcement will go on the team sheet as soon as we know.

### ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The Association is to agree a final format for the cards on Wednesday, 21 October at the next Committee Meeting. Once this has been done they shall be printed and then issued. This years response for subscriptions has been excellent and we have in the first two months of playing achieved almost the total amount collected for the whole of last season. The Club acknowledges that this could not have been done without your help and is grateful for your efforts.

### YOUR SAY

Each year the football club's policies, captains, and committee are selected at an Annual General Meeting prior to the start of the season.

A lot of hard work by this season's Committee has been done to try to improve many areas of the Club and so far we have had a reasonable amount of success. To ensure that progress is ongoing, the Committee meets every month to discuss how each side is performing, the state of the finances, upcoming fixtures and general improvements that can be made. This season we have decided to involve as many people as possible in this process and therefore each month we shall have an open forum where players and members are invited to ask questions on any subject regarding the club. These questions can relate to player selection, the state of the finances, what our future plans are, etc, etc, etc. An announcement will be made on the team sheet at least a week before the meeting and we hope to see many of you there.

### RESULTS & TOP-SCORERS

Another new initiative for this season is that we are keeping accurate records of all results, team line-ups and goal-scorers. These are reproduced and displayed on the Clubhouse notice board for all to see. There is already a lot of interest in this and it has been suggested that subliminal messages could be put inside them like; pay you subs now!, buy an extra pint every time you go to the bar, Millwall are crap etc, etc, etc.

D J NIX





# 73. November 1998 COXA Football Teamsheet

**Clayton Old Habermian Football Club** Season 98/99 **Teamsheet No.9** for matches to be played **Saturday, 07 November 1998**

1st XI	2nd XI	3rd XI	4th XI	5th XI	6th XI	7th XI
Old Vaughanians (reg) (League)	Old Redingtons (Reg) (League)	Opposition Being Arranged	Old Tillatons (reg) (League)	Old Egbertons (reg) (L.O.B. Novemb Cup)	Old Addressa (reg) (League)	NO LEAGUE FIXTURE

<p>Home at Highway Ave, Northey KO 2.00 pm Meet at Clubhouse 1.30 pm</p>	<p><b>CAPTAIN TO CONTACT</b> PLAYERS WITH DETAILS</p>	<p><b>CAPTAIN TO CONTACT</b> PLAYERS WITH DETAILS</p>	<p><b>HOME</b> Highway Ave, Northey KO 2.00 pm Meet at Clubhouse 1.30 pm</p>	<p><b>TERRACE</b> Kingsley Av, Northey +CLAUDE KIT KO 2.00 pm Meet at Clubhouse 1.00 pm</p>	<p><b>CAPTAIN TO CONTACT</b> PLAYERS WITH DETAILS</p>	<p><b>THE PLAYERS BELOW ARE LOOKING FOR A GAME</b></p>
<p>M BURKE N ARMSTRONG A POTTER R ADJUTON C RHOONEY A McDONALD J MORFATT J QUINN R LANSQUOT G McGUIRE J JORDAN S YOUNG</p>	<p>M SULLIVAN M CEPAJ D FOX R McMAHON S CEPAJ J DAYMON M DONALD G DOLAN P WILLIAMS S DARAHA C McGOBLAN</p>	<p>S BRADY (T. JOHNSTON) E WALSH G SALTER B MARQUIS A GONZALEZ M QUINN P RODRIGUES DARRIN T E McCARNEY C BERDWIN</p>	<p>K BRADY R STEWART J ROGERS M BENEDICT (CHRIS T) P LITTLE J MAXWELL J KAYINA D BRUMMIE G McCARNEY S GONZALEZ</p>	<p>S PARKER A BRANSON D BROWN A MANNOURAS T BENEDICT C BROWNE D HIX A MARWARA G BRODINE P AKOENI P BAILEY W CROOKS</p>	<p>R GRUBB D RIGAN P BURGAN M MILLS J HENDERSON B LOCKE S BUTLER A MACKER J SANDERSON N ALLISON S O'SULLIVAN</p>	<p>J BENEDICT P ESTROSE W BARTON T JIRABI M MALLINDER A JOSEPH A TOWERS, D TORMEY D SHULLI G COOPER R LOPEZ, R AYAN-NIMAYO</p>
<p>Gary McGuire 0181-308-0214(M) Before 9.00pm</p>	<p>Paul Williams 0181-300-2124 (M)</p>	<p>Colin Brown 0181-653-7181 (H) 0938-292-222 (M)</p>	<p>Geordie McCarthy 0171-622-7148 (H) 0432-588-444 (T)</p>	<p>Roy Barrett 0171-231-9968 (M) 0862-582-715 (M)</p>	<p>Des Casden 0171-757-2929 (H) 0173-251-5588 (W)</p>	<p>Vic Rosborough 0483-876-8235 (H)</p>

**LAST WEEK'S RESULTS** - PLAYERS IN BRACKETS DON'T GET TEAM SHEETS

Old Carletons (A) (League) LOST 0-4  
Clay O.B. (Reg) (A) (L.O.B. Inter) LOST 4-5 net  
Coby M, Cobby S, Denamp, Williams P.

Old Padstow (Reg) (R) (L.O.B. Inter) W/O 1-1  
Steven C, D.J. Soballe, Walsh, Gonzalez

Old Brackles (reg) (A) (L.O.B. Inter) W/O 1-6  
McCarthy E.

Old Brackles (reg) (A) (L.O.B. Inter) W/O 1-8 (H)  
0432-588-444 (T)

**CLUB CAPTAIN - CHRIS McGOBLAN** - 0171-701-4388 (M) or 0777-186-8346 (M)

**CLUB RESULTS** - **WED, 28/10/98 - COXA 0, Lambeth All Stars 4 - Thru. 26/10/98 - COXA 1, Sydenham Green 2** - If interested in playing call: 0171-701-4710  
club sports manager - 18/11/1998 - Guest speaker Dennis Macdonald - at the Connaught Rooms, Great Green St, WC2 - Names & Changes to C. Darvey - Cash 128.00 per sheet.  
**SATURDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 1998, STARTS 8.00PM, @ 8.00 PM** - For details please to Dave Latham on Street Passes - local events get priority  
**THE NETS GAME WAS ABANDONED DUE TO A WATERLOGGED PITCH.**

**CAPTAIN'S MEETING - SAT, 07 NOVEMBER, OPEN FORUM STARTS AT 10.30 Hrs PLEASE INVITE YOUR PLAYERS TO ATTEND. REGULAR MEETING HELD AFTER.**

THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS ARE CALLED TO ATTEND A DISCIPLINARY HEARING ON SATURDAY, 07 NOVEMBER AT THE CLUBHOUSE AT 6.00 pm:  
A. SEARWALLA, A. MANNOURAS, P. AKOENI, M. BRITTA, S.E. McMAHON, N. McGOBLAN, S. CHORRER, N. SULLIVAN, R. STAMBAUGH, J. JORDAN.

The Following Players Called for Selection For Open Last Week - McLOONEY S., McLOONEY S., McLOONEY S., McLOONEY S., McLOONEY S., McLOONEY S., McLOONEY S., McLOONEY S.

## COXA 4TH XI REPORT

As I write this report the 4th XI stand in 2nd position, poised to take the Division V South title. The challenge we face is difficult, but achievable - three wins in the remaining fixtures will secure 1st place.

After a good start to the season, with wins against Reigate and Fisher, the team faltered against Wilsonians. Failure to establish a settled side and the loss of our Guru, Ben Benedict, led to a period of indifferent performances during October - then came the rain. The monsoon conditions of November/December resulted in an eight week mid-season break, but the team returned to winning ways in the New Year.

Consecutive wins against Wilsonians and John Fisher were followed by a poor display against bottom of the table Woking and we lost 4 - 3; to a team that had only one previous victory this season. While I played table football with Marie in the Sports Bar in Lanzarote (won 6 - 2 a.e.t), Ged Dolan captained the team to a 2 - 1 win against Sinjin's and we were back on course.

Subsequent wins against Guilford, Strand and Thorntonians, with a valuable point against St Mary's, secured our current position in 2nd place.

Our outstanding defensive record, which is the best in the Division; with 19 goals conceded in 15 games, has been a crucial factor in our success this season. Sean O'Sullivan has marshalled the back four with Matthew Benedict, Mick McLoughlin, John Ryan and Danny Locke outstanding. In midfield, Barry Eaton, Ged Dolan and Anthony Thompson representing an exciting blend of experience and youth, have been superb in defence and attack.

The Dan Condon Coaching School has provided the forward line with a classic "Clapham-style" target-man in Rodney Bourne, and Dan's latest find, Jimmy Grace, also looks the part. Dominic Azura and Doc Livingstone have provided invaluable cover throughout the season in midfield and attack. The brief, but timely appearances of Corinthians Tim Hixson, John Mansel and Chez also deserves a mention.

We have had a selection of goalkeepers this season - Jim McLoughlin, Matthew Arnold, John McGuire (in excellent form vs Wilsons), and Stuart Forrester. All have performed to a standard much higher than we expect at this level.

In conclusion, I would like to give particular thanks to the assistance given to myself and the team by Matthew Benedict and Barry Eaton. They have provided a seemingly limitless supply of players who have stepped in at short notice to ensure we have a full team on Saturday afternoons. Matthew's most recent signing, Jerome Harris (West Ham Youth goalkeeper) and Barry's last minute call-up, Dave Powell (Cabby at Norbury Car Hire), are but two examples of their resourcefulness.

The message from the 4th XI is clear - get the Don Perignon on ice!

# Englishman revisits Greendale and friends

## Teaching days in 1960s are remembered fondly

by Nancy Ellis  
of the Enterprise staff

Cecil Pocock is living proof that the courtly, immodest Englishmen portrayed in movies and television really do exist.

As a teacher, Pocock taught at Greendale High School during the 1965-66 school year. Ironically, he taught American History to students who thought he was from a pretty "cool" place.

"The American students thought England was a cool place at that time. With the Beatles, mini-skirts, Twiggy and all of that, they thought it was fairly impressive that I came from there," Pocock explains with a self-mocking smile.

Although Pocock appears to be uncomfortable with talking about himself, his hosts for his two-week stay in Greendale are not.

"Cecil touched not only the students and teachers, but the parents as well," said Marie Birmingham. "Everytime he comes back here to visit, his schedule is packed."

Pocock has come back to Greendale about every five years to visit the friends he made while teaching here. The last time he visited was in 1988, Greendale's 50th anniversary.

"I think this is a very friendly community. I just love coming back here," he said.

In fact, after leaving Greendale in 1966 Pocock said he was miserable when he returned to England. He had become so close to many of the students that he returned for their graduation the following year.

While at the high school, he was involved with the student theater and played piano at events, including the graduation he refused to miss.

Pocock retired from teaching 10 years ago but is still a magistrate in London where he is chairman of the 150 magistrates in an area with a population of a quarter of a million people.

Pocock, fit and tan, keeps busy by reading, doing church work and as a member of the Friends of the Kew Gardens.

He also gets frequent visitors from Greendale.

"He showed us a great time for the three days we were there," Bob Birmingham said.

When Pocock first came to Greendale in the 1960s, it was quite a shock the way the

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Cecil Pocock shown at a friend's home in London, is staying with his host family, the Birmingham, during his stay in Greendale. He is visiting friends he met while teaching at Greendale High School in the 1960s. He plans on visiting friends in Greendale for two weeks.

### The Greenfield/Greendale Enterprise Pocock from Page 1

students dressed. Although at the time students could be sent home if they wore T-shirts or granny dresses, Pocock was accustomed to the way students dressed in England — in uniforms and caps.

"It was a bit shocking at first, but I got used to it soon enough," he said.

Since the Birmingham's learned that Pocock was coming to visit, they have left a calendar right next to the phone. It filled up quickly with students, teachers and parents wanting to take the man out who taught at the high school so many years ago.

"It gives us a chance to see a lot of people we haven't seen for a long time," Bob Birmingham said. "We get to have breakfast with Cecil every day. Well, almost every day."

The Birmingham's held an open house for Pocock on Sunday, giving everyone a chance to spend some time with him.

Those who missed his most recent visit to Greendale will probably have to wait at least another five years before seeing him again, unless, of course, you hop a plane to jolly old England.

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# 76. 1991 Cricket Snippets



from: The Rt Hon Nicholas Scott MBE MP

29 January 1991

*Dear Ben,*

I am so sorry it has taken such a long time to reply to your letter of 30 November about the possibility of a cricket match between the Old Xaverians and the House of Commons.

I have raised this with the Committee but, alas, they feel that they are already over-subscribed in terms of their present Fixtures' List and they regret not being able to respond positively to your invitation. I too am very sorry: it was a splendid idea!

*Yours  
Nic*

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## TOP TEN

### BATTING

Boothroyd (Clapham Old Xaverians)	n.o. 140
Dargie (Griffin)	n.o. 125
Miller (Clapham Old Xaverians)	n.o. 117
Kellman (Ewart)	110
Berry (Alleyn Old Boys)	n.o. 104
Tunncliffe (Blue Star)	n.o. 104

### BOWLING

Benedict (Clapham Old Xaverians)	7-37
Lawrence (Old Grammarians)	7-78
Patel (Dulwich II)	6-21
Chambers (Alleyn Old Boys)	6-28
Stevens (Lambeth Enterprise)	5-8

JOHNSON MATTHEY, — Long (L.)  
b Archer 13; Hinds lbw b Archer 1;  
Taylor c Alleyn b Burnett 13; Shaw  
c Archer b Burnett 4; Johnson c  
Burnett b Archer 20; Wilkinson b  
Burnett 5; Blackshaw b Burnett 0;  
Payne c Skinner b Burnett 13; Budd  
lbw b Burnett 5; Hutchinson lbw b  
Archer 3; Long (A.) not out 2.  
Extras 0. Total 81.

Clapham Old Xaverians  
beat Haddon Hall by  
65 runs

Clapham pace bowler Ben  
Benedict wrecked Haddon  
Hall with a tremendous burst  
of seven wickets for 12 runs  
in 13 overs.

Although they found runs  
initially hard to come by on  
a slow Norbury track, Clapham  
were revived by a fine  
fifth wicket stand of 63 by  
Paul Hixson (41) and Mick  
Power (34 not out) which en-  
abled them to declare at 110  
for 7.

Haddon Hall were soon  
in trouble and never looked  
like mastering Benedict.

CLAPHAM.—Mangi b Thompson 8;  
Fry b Thompson 6; Power not out 34.

Clapham Old Xaverians paceman Ben Benedict ripped through the Haddon Hall batting taking seven wickets for 12 runs in 13 overs as Haddon Hall collapsed for 45 and Clapham won by 65 runs.

## TOP TEN

### BATTING

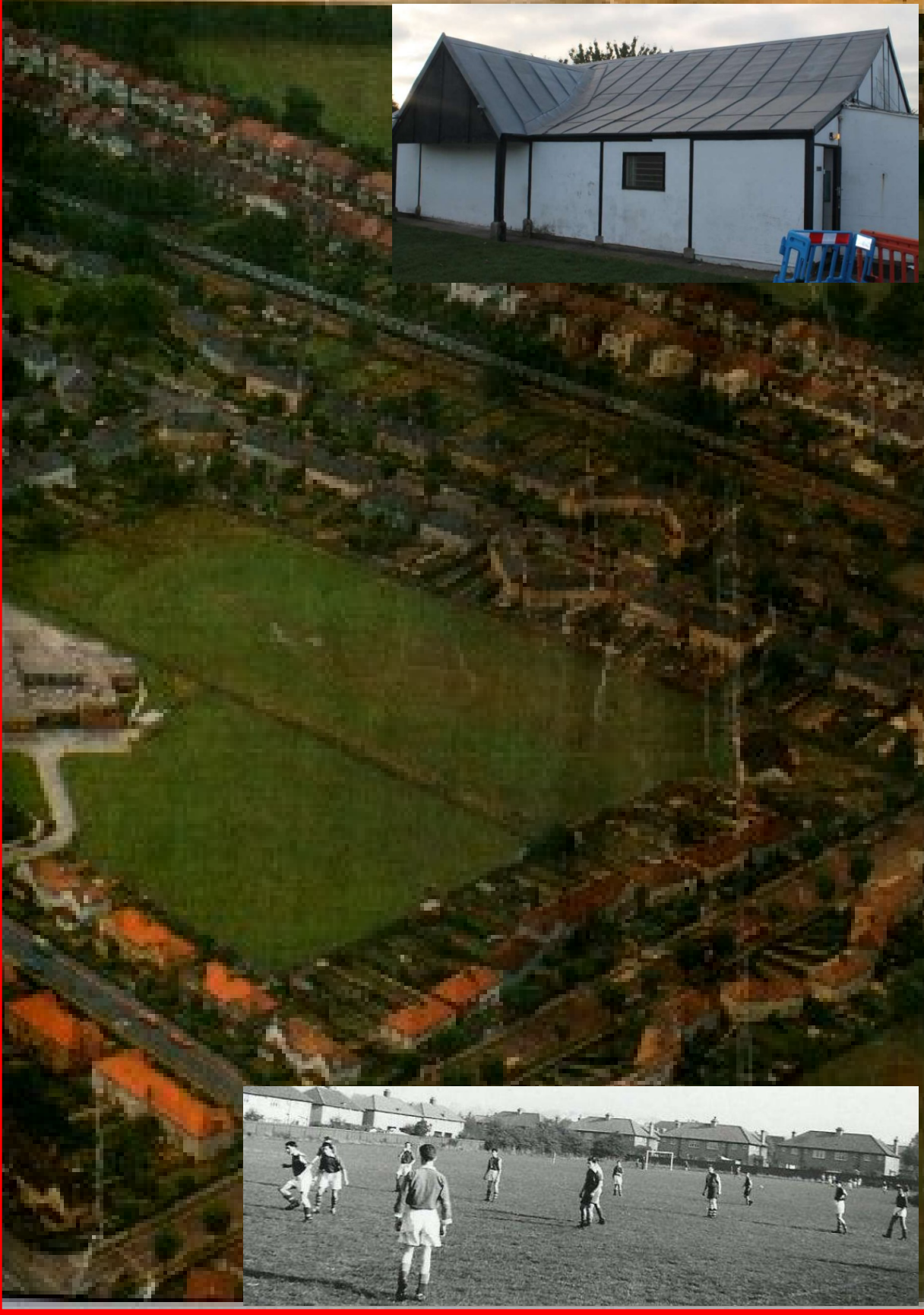
Foster (Streatham Wanderers)	n.o. 82
Stokes (Dulwich Wanderers)	n.o. 63
Simon (Dulwich II)	n.o. 63
Dansie (Dulwich II)	55
Cogger (Blue Star)	n.o. 52

### BOWLING

X Benedict (Clapham Old Xaverians)	7 for 12	X
Boyd (Old Lambethans)	5 for 23	
Cogger (Blue Star)	5 for 36	
Phillips (Carnegie)	5 for 37	
Davis (Streatham)	4 for 5	



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## End of the 20th Century COXA lives on into the new Millennium

Clapham College did not enter the 1990s, it had finally closed its doors after 90 years of educating South London boys. On its old site at Nightingale Lane, was St Francis Xavier 6th Form College. The magnificent building constructed at Clapham had been converted into a purpose-built College for Sixth Form students. It now opened on the Malwood Road entrance, with a primary school occupying Hollywood and Broadoak.

The Old Xaverians kept the "Clapham spirit" alive into the 1990s. The Centenary Thanksgiving Celebrations for 100 years of the Xaverians at Clapham was a stunning series of events which hundreds of Xaverians attended. During this period the Old Boys cemented their association with the Xaverian College and this bond was a major element in the continued success and growth of COXA.

Sporting achievements and fantastic social events peppered the 1990s and more and more different ideas were introduced to further enhance the Old Boys experience. There were 8/9 football teams, 3/4 cricket sides, Tours, Runs to Brighton, Fun Runs at Hyde Park, Motor Rallies, "D" and "VE" Day events, the "Vets" became an on-going concern, the Remembrance Mass was well-attended, Quiz-nites at Norbury, 5-a-side tournaments. Pub Crawls and a growing Membership. No College was a bitter blow, but the Old Boys had real strength as they moved into the 21st Century.