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Chapter  
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Celebrating  
125 years

COXA in the 21st Century

1897 – 2022

Clapham College

Clapham Old Xaverians



# 125 Years of Clapham College

## 2000 to 2023



Clapham Old Xaverians were now Clapham Old Boys. No other links, although many groups had been kind and generous towards a club with no new recruits, but the Second “Modern Millennium” should have tolled the death knell for COXA. But in time the Club rationalised it’s sporting endeavours, and focussed on fewer but more successful events , directed at the “older core” of our Association members. There are “young” - I suppose the below 40s don’t count [and the odd 50-year-old, but in essence the younger group comes from the 1st X{ Football team and it’s supporters.. Yes, the Club is “Open”, but there is still the odd relation / son /friend of a Clapham old Boy turning out for is...so that tentative link still exists. The support from a few individuals at SFX has helped enormously with Mark Preece, as Premises Officer, ex-pupil at Clapham College and COXA Footballer is a clear “ace in the Hole”. The SFX Principals, from Brian Snalune [recently deceased], followed by Bernie Borland, Stella Flannery and recently, and currently, Phil Thompson have all embraced the Old Boys and supported the Committee, whenever asked. We have attempted to support them whenever and however we can. But it is clear this “bond” has left us with a “toe” still in the “water” at Nightingale Lane, a sobering fact. The Old Xaverians in 2023 look to the future with a strong active and progressive Committee, under the strong Leadership of Chairman David Leathem, supported by the sheer hard work of Eddie O’Brien and supported by a busy Committee. The Association has 350 “paid-up” Members and another 100 “souls” associated to COXA. There is a clear structure for the years ahead and with a cluster of dates, which attract interest & income, times look good. 2027 Centenary of COXA is still a goal....

# 1. Clapper begins as the 21st Century COXA “organ”



Clapham Xaverians 1897 – 1999

## CLAPPER

Journal of the Clapham Old Xaverians' Association

JUNE 2000



The Association is stronger than ever, four decades after Clapham College closed, moved away from the Nightingale Lane site and finally shutting it's doors for good on the Battersea site. The Old Xaverian Association packed full of sixty, seventy and eighty year olds, yet is forward-looking and this publication is an effort to record it's continued advances in the 21st century..... enjoy

This is the final Chapter of the Clapham and the Xaverians History Project. The previous eleven decades have been lifted from many recourses to build our simple version of Clapham's History. The next 23 years of “history” from 2000 to 2023 is from Clappers & Concordias with an attempt at “topics “ with some chronological order. If an important date, or event been missed, please shout.....**or email**



Unfortunately the Millennium copy of Clapper will not appear. We never even remotely got near to receiving enough copy to make it a success.

There are a few contributions in this edition and I thank those people who sat down and wrote something.

The situation has not changed since June. I am still acting compiler, as no-one has yet come forward but more importantly I still don't seem to be able to get a great deal of up-to-date copy. Think about what is missing from this edition in terms of sporting and social activities and you will see what I mean.

**Ted Hayter.**

### COMMITTEE NEWS

Almost the same as last year. **Eddie O'Brien** offering to flog himself to death as Chairman for another year but...surprise, surprise **John Pettley** has volunteered to be Vice/Chair and was welcomed with opened arms. **Dave Nix** whilst continuing as Treasurer has relinquished Membership. Vacancies now exist for Membership Sec., Editor of Clapper and Social Secretary – Any offers.?

No photos  
No cartoons  
No sex

**Dave Lentham** in a recent football team-sheet said that the previous ‘Clapper’ was the most boring ever to have been printed . He has now thrown down the gauntlet With apologies to contributors, this one is becoming an odds-on favourite to emulate the previous edition.

Promises, promises, Dave, what happened to your copy which was going to shine like a bright star in the firmament? –or so I thought when I read the team-sheet.

# Clapper

Newsletter of the Clapham Old Xaverians' Association  
March 2002

THE COMMITTEE WISH YOU A HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER



**BIOGRAPHY OF  
BISHOP PETER  
SMITH (Page7)**

## Scoops'Comments'

This particular copy of Clapper is tinged with sadness as it contains several obituaries, two of which, Sheila's and Don's represent a whole era of dedication to COXA.

Donations from COXA were sent to two of Sheila's favourite charities.

The number of Old Boys attending both funerals was extraordinary, well over fifty at each.

They would expect us to move on and the glowing comments from so many people about the Chairman's Lunch show that COXA is still flourishing. Sheila's untimely death means that we desperately need an Association Secretary.

If you can come to a monthly meeting at Norbury, take Minutes and reproduce them for the Committee, then you are our man-or woman.

We are still searching, without success, for a Clapper editor. I only collate material given to me and it is then printed.

An Editor could do so much more in all sorts of ways. Think about it!

### Old Club

November		December	
£100	Kevin Curtin	£100	Ian Anderson
£50	K. Brady	£50	P. Flaherty
£25	Seamus Burke	£25	S. Gavigan

January		February	
£100	J. Sheridan	£100	Joe Williams
£50	S. Burke	£50	J. Burke
£25	A. Cleather	£25	T. Cain

March	
£100	Wilson Bowers
£ 50	Tom McLoughlin
£25	David Slattery

New members are always needed and you can obtain all the necessary info from:

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### Changing Times of "Clapham Old Xaverians"

There are changing times within "Clapham Old Xaverians" with this edition of "CLAPPER" being the first ever electronic copy of our newsletter, enabling us to reach "Old Xaverians" around the world.

There are "Old Xaverians" as far a field as America, Africa, Australia, Singapore to name but a few and we would like to use the new technology available to us to reach as many as possible.

If you are receiving this edition by post and have an E-mail address please forward your contact details to:  
John Pettley (Membership Secretary)  
[jp@clpham.com](mailto:jp@clpham.com)

There is also a new web site available  
[www.claphamoldxaverians.co.uk](http://www.claphamoldxaverians.co.uk)

Please visit [www.clpham.com](http://www.clpham.com) and tell us what you would like to see in the future.

If you would like to help maintain the site then why not place an advertisement or sponsor a page.  
(Contact John Pettley for more details)

### 3. Clapham College closed on the Nightingale Lane site - "hello" SFX"

#### **St Francis Xavier College – Our vision for the future**

At the end of the last century, in 1897, the Xaverian brothers started educating young men on the site now occupied by St Francis Xavier College. The mission as expounded by their founder, was to educate the children of immigrant families and all those exposed to the poverty of the inner city. That education prepared them to face the unknown challenges of the twentieth century. A century of incredible technological change alongside unimaginable human suffering. That education in a Christian environment would have given those young men freedom to achieve, to prosper and to develop more fully as human beings. Many of us teachers privileged to be able to carry on that mission at the start of the twenty first century owe it to the education given to us, our parents and grandparents by schools founded in the Christian tradition. As we move into the new millennium a quality education based upon the belief that, we educate the whole the person, is even more important. Today's young men and women living in the inner city, often children of families that have sought safety and shelter in the United Kingdom, deserve the very best education that we can offer. In this spirit we continue the work carried on at the end of the last century by the Xaverian brothers.

To carry on the work- of Theodore James Ryken underpins our vision for St Francis Xavier College in the twenty-first century. To put that into practice demands an ethos that, because it is Christian and strives to fulfil our potential as human beings, will accept nothing but the best for the young people in our care. We enthusiastically take on the technological and intellectual challenges presented by the need to @sure we have a highly skilled and flexible workforce. However, it is just as important that these young people can put their achievements in a moral and spiritual context. That is why religious education is at the heart of our core curriculum. If we have learnt anything from the bloodshed of the twentieth century it must be that increased prosperity and scientific advance does not necessarily bring moral order. Indeed the continued suffering in war and poverty of millions of people demonstrates more than ever that education must address the ultimate challenge of ensuring these young people possess the gifts of faith, hope and love.

As we start the next century I see St Francis Xavier College as a community working in an environment that is at the leading edge of educational resourcing. We will continue to expand and develop our site in terms, not only of providing superb education, recreation and sports facilities, but also increasing access for disabled students. We will expand our work in the evenings, weekends and vacations to offer first rate adult education and leisure activities. Our highly successful nursery, holiday play-scheme and sport in the community will flourish and bring the mission of SFX to all ages.

It is fitting that St Francis Xavier is our patron, in the sixteenth century he travelled great distances with the message of the gospel. While spreading the good news he embraced diverse cultures insisting on learning the language of the countries he visited. At the end of the last century the Xaverian brothers travelled throughout Britain and abroad bringing education to the inner cities. As we begin an age where the global economy, the Internet and world media makes distance seem irrelevant the challenge does not involve physical travel. It is to ensure that, if we are to live in a world at peace with values that respect the rights of individuals, it is in our minds and hearts that we must travel. As we prepare our young people to become citizens of the twenty first century we must hope, pray and believe that their children and grandchildren at the end of the century will recognise the value of the education provided by St Francis Xavier College at the beginning of the new millennium.

## 4. Some information on SFX & a snippet on COXA links

### Why a Catholic Education?

*From the foreword of Christ at the Centre, 2012,*

“At the Baptism of their children, parents promise to bring them up in the practice of the faith by loving God and their neighbour. The Church assists them in fulfilling this solemn commitment in two ways, by providing catechesis in our parishes and by establishing Catholic schools.”

The key word here is ‘practice’ of the faith.

Colleagues of all faiths and none are welcome and able to assist the mission of the College

### What is the Identity of a Catholic College?

To Educate and transform the person, who is made in the image and likeness of God (*Genesis 1:26*)

To become Christ’s body on earth, to be involved in social action, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and be the voice of the voiceless

There should be a symbiotic relationship with faith and culture evident throughout the college

Solidarity and collaboration should be a guiding feature found in all students.



#### 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.

## 5. SFX-invited COXA to the College - Eddie wrote this for Clapper

This is a fairly comprehensive extract from a letter sent by the Chairman as a contribution to the SFX 6<sup>th</sup>. Form College, Millennium Magazine.

**If they can do it then so should we!**

The invitation for the Clapham Old Xaverians' Association to make a contribution to the College's Millennium magazine is certainly not an opportunity to be missed. In composing such an article one looks at the reason why such an association as ours was formed, what it has achieved through links and contacts in the past and where it stands for the challenge of the third Millennium.

The Association being formed in 1927 came into existence with the support and encouragement of the then head of the College Brother Bernadine C.F.X. as a link to unite both old boys' and present students. "The activities of the school and of its members, past and present, will naturally appeal to all who have come under the care of the Brothers". Shortly after the Association was formed the Xaverian Brothers acquired "Hollywood" in Nightingale Lane and the Old Boys' played their role in the financing and fund raising to bridge the new, £10,000 debt.

Times have changed. Although our link with Clapham College has since been broken due to the reorganisation of catholic education in the Archdiocese of Southwark in the 1980's the Association maintains a strong affinity with St. Francis Xavier College.

It is interesting to note that the only master remaining at the College who taught both at Clapham College and SFX is Graham Hudson (who also distinguished himself in both football and cricket for the Old Boys')

The Association's football section has sponsored and provided a complete football kit (in the Association colours) to the College team, we provide whenever we are able referees to officiate in matches, organise annual football and cricket matches with staff and students.

The Principal Bernie Borland, assists the Association in its activities by supporting our functions, making the College premises available for our social activities and our annual mass of remembrance.

It would be my hope for the new Millennium that the Association could engender a much closer link with the College. The Old Boys' has in the past offered work place experience and career guidance to students. Our Association provides excellent facilities and opportunities for students and staff to preserve and maintain friendships and to provide sporting and social opportunities from our base in County Road Norbury.

It is my hope that whatever the future holds for the College, the Association can actively support it and play a role in partnership.

Eddie O'Brien

## 6. Early Chairman's Lunches at the Brewery

### The Clapham Old Xaverians' Chairman's Lunch

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2005

12:00pm – 5:00pm

The Brewery, Chiswell Street, London EC1

FREE Pre-Lunch Bar

3 Course Lunch in the King George Suite

Plus Cheese board, tea/coffee, petit fours

Plus Guest Speaker

**Please keep the date free in your diary.**

Cost per ticket kept to £35.00

Contacts: Mick Power, 9 Cheviot Close, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5SB  
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Eddie O'Brien, 12 Montrose Gardens, Sutton, Surrey SM1 3BZ  
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## 7. Those early Chairman's Lunches

### Chairman's Lunch 2002, (A Personal View)

As I entered the Banqueting Suite at the Oval on the last Friday afternoon in January my thoughts went back to where it all began, just a few yards away in the Pavilion Restaurant where some fifty odd of us gathered to begin celebrating the centenary of the opening of the College.

Just five years down the line we've outgrown two venues and over 170 sat down this year. Phenomenal! But how do you explain it? Clearly a lot of hard work by just a few people - a familiar theme? - is to a certain extent responsible but above all, so real you could almost feel it, is a certain spirit engendered in all of us over many years by the Brothers and other dedicated staff.

The function itself was as near perfect as one could wish. The food was excellent, the wine very acceptable and one must not forget the free beer!

Eddie McCoy gave us an interesting insight into the real story behind the amalgamation with St. Gerard's, Colin Garvey, on great form even by his own lofty standards thoroughly deserved his standing ovation and our unflappable M.C., Cecil Potock, kept all almost under control.

Among the many familiar faces, it was gratifying to meet up again with people whom I had not seen for many years, some not since leaving the College. I must mention in particular Philip (Pip) Gunn and Brian McDermott who had a fantastic afternoon, despite being confined to his wheelchair.



8. At all these events it always seems to be the same faces



9. Ah, that's better some older Old Boys at the Lunch



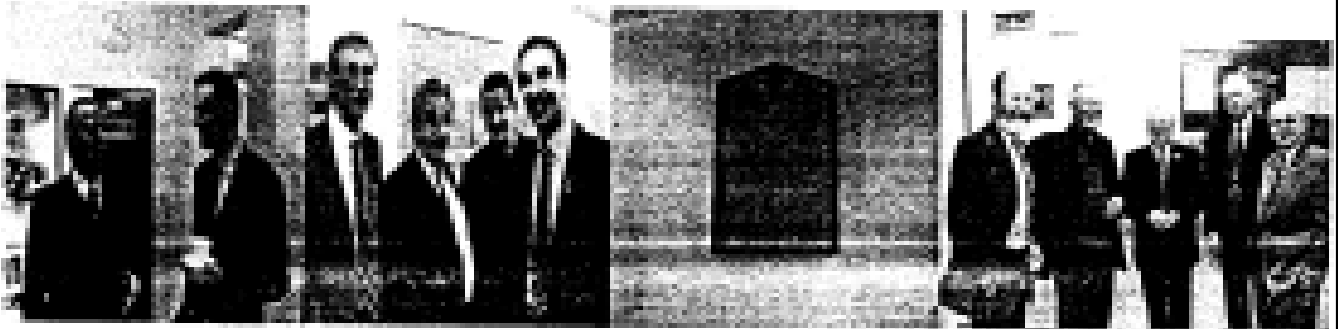
If you spot anybody NOT smiling the PHOTO wasn't taken at the LUNCH



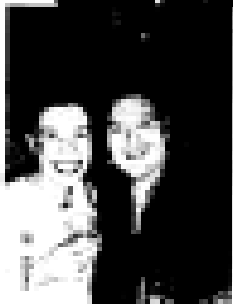
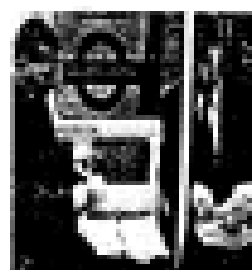
# 2001 Attendees at Remembrance Sunday and the Chairman's Lunch

## Annual Remembrance Mass/ Oval Lunch Photographs

Annual Mass 11<sup>th</sup> November 2001



Oval Lunch 25th January 2002



## 11. We do still do the odd poetry - we really do..

### **Peter Cornish Cernuschi 1928 -2005**

It is with great sadness that we have recently heard of the death of Peter, who was a great supporter of, and contributor to, the life of the Association. Our sympathies to his brother Joe and all of his family, I hope to have an obituary to Peter in our next edition.

On a personal note, some time ago Peter sent me one of his poems for inclusion in Clapper, which I always kept back for when I was short of copy. As my personal tribute to Peter, here is his poem, which was re produced at his funeral:

#### **City Lights**

Sleek curves moving like an animal  
Through the jungle of the indignant capital  
Not pure, yet sure, furs, curses. Purses  
All ready and malleable

Lights that blare and some that stare  
Cadillacs and cannibals  
Burnt tyres, exhaust fumes, horns  
Corns, making a crazy race to the hospitals

Faster yet still slower, travelling like  
A boomerang, always yearning, but never learning  
Making for races, or covering up the traces  
Of what they should be earning

Cigar butts, falling into ruts, ever rushing  
Into a crazy inner circle  
Sinking across dustbin lids  
Into a night angry and purple

Eagled eyed **Colin Garvey** spotted an advertisement for luxury houses and apartments at Mayfield Grange. With two bedroom apartments stating at £499, 950, this development may appeal to old



boys who attended Cecil Pocock's school camps here in the 1950s and 1960s!

## 12 . June 2004 - Mick Power writes to Clapper

### Clapham Revisited 19<sup>th</sup> June 2004

35 attendees met up this year to relive past glories. An excellent day it proved and the Association is indebted to Mark Preece, our resident Old Boy, for opening up the school, guiding us around and making us so welcome.

For the first time at an Association event, Henri Laghi provided a magnificent buffet – why oh why have we not used his talent before? (Henri can be contacted on 07973393272)

Another first for Henri was his son being a founder pupil in the newly established preparatory school operating out of the former Sixth Form base.

No Association event takes place without liquid refreshments and our thanks go to regular contributors, Paul Davies (Youngs) and Paul Williams (Fullers). I understand that Paul Davies has been so successful in putting Youngs onto the Supermarket shelves that he has been head hunted and now rumoured to be repackaging Red Barrel.

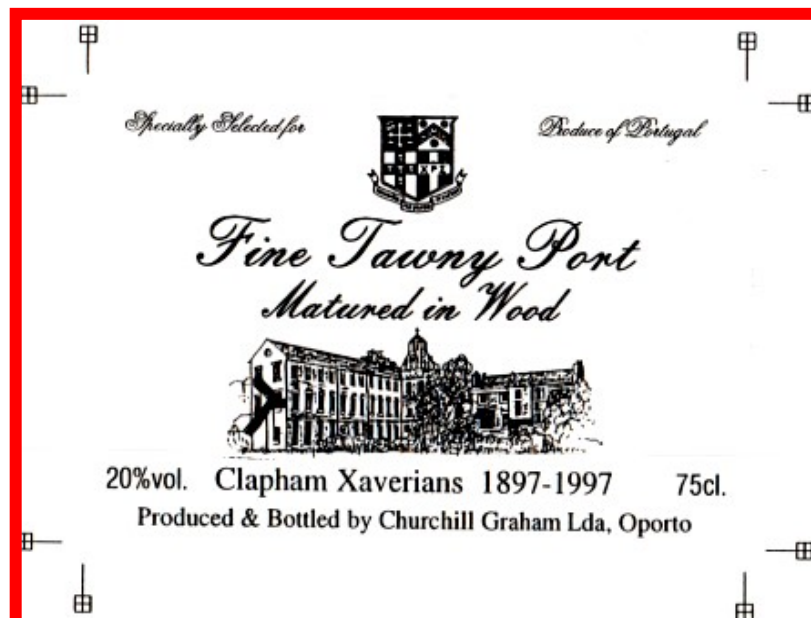
Those present included:

Brian Campbell 56-63  
Joseph Cernuschi 36-40  
Martin and Kevin Farrell mid 60s  
Peter Hurst 55-60  
John Keen 41-47  
Dave Leathem 67-72  
Peter Serafinowicz 54-58  
Brian White 40-46  
Chris McFadden

Glyn Morris and Dorothy Robinshaw represented the teachers, both at the College in the 70s and 80s.

Date for your diary, next year's event will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> June.

Mick Power



## 13. 2004 Br Bernard writes from Danvers, USA

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1<sup>st</sup> June 2004

Dear Eddie,

I have just finished reading the Spring 2004 issue of Clapper. It brings back happy memories of my days at Clapham College: in residence there as a student studying at St. Mary's College, Strawberry Hill from 1953 to 1956 and then teaching at the College from January 1957 to July 1962. In those days I was known as Brother Sylvester (No jokes please about Tweety Pie and Sylvester the Cat!).

In return for "Clapper", I am sending you a copy of last Sunday's lead review in the Book Review section of New York Times. (If you would like a copy please contact the editor) It is a long review of a book by Tony Hendra "Father Joe, the man who saved my soul". As some of your older members may know, the Father Joe referred to is Fr. Joseph Warrilow OSB, Benedictine monk of Quarr Abbey on the Isle of Wight and old boy of Clapham College. As one who got to know him quite well in the 1980s and 1990s when assistant to the Brother General of the Xaverian Brothers then based at Strawberry Hill, I can vouch for his love of his old school and of the Brothers and other teachers who taught him. I used to go to him for guidance and can assure you that the gift of compassionate listening described by Tony Hendra was what I experienced too. He died in 1998 or 1999. Joseph Warrilow must have left Clapham College in the mid to late 30s.

I shall write at greater length about what I am doing now, about the Xaverian Brothers and their schools in the USA and elsewhere and about my memories of Clapham College as soon as I have the time to get my thoughts together.

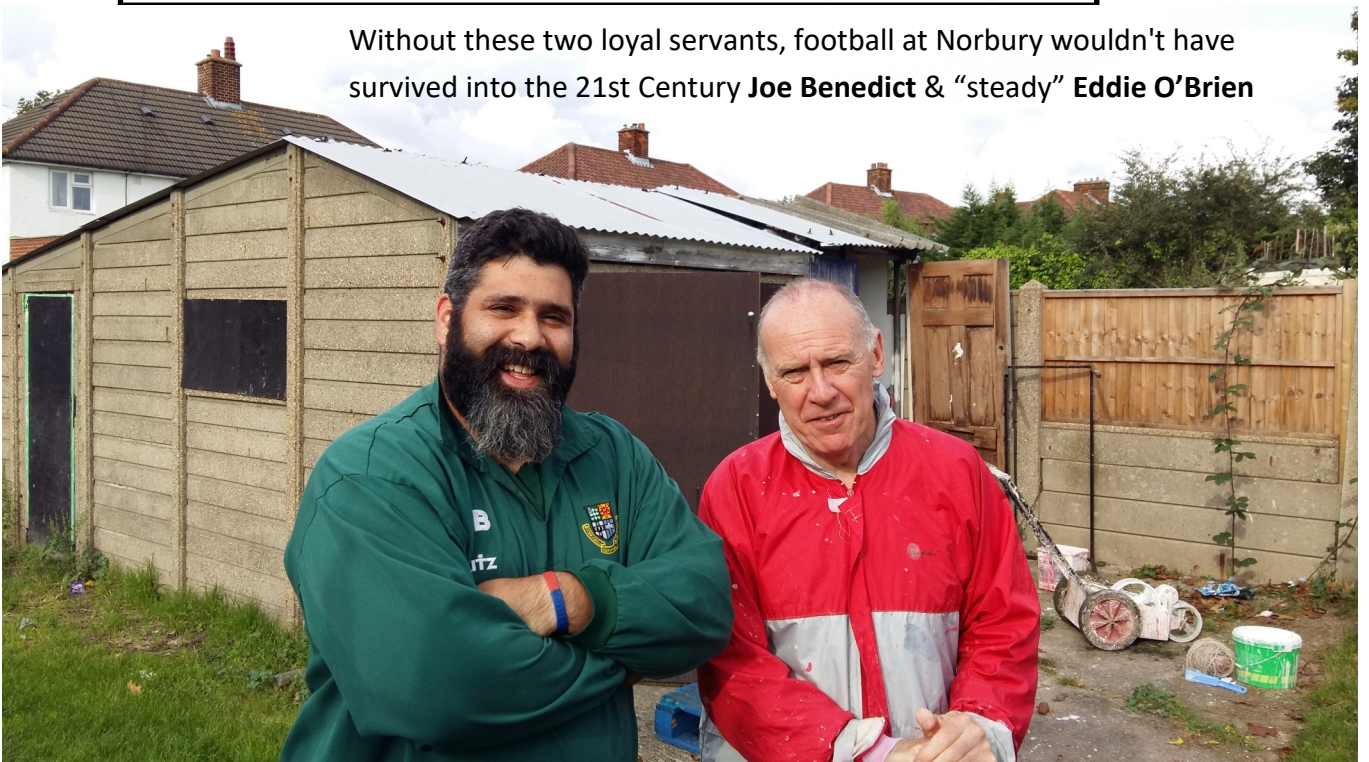
Meanwhile you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Remember me to all who remember me.

Sincerely

Br Bernard

Without these two loyal servants, football at Norbury wouldn't have survived into the 21st Century **Joe Benedict** & "steady" **Eddie O'Brien**



## 14. COXA Cricket half a century of fun, Tours and success

### Coxa Cricket 2013



To say that it has been a tough season for the club is the only way to put it. At the time of writing we are in a relegation battle with the outcome in our hands only, having to win 2 of our last 3 of games to earn our place to play another season in the mighty Premier Division of the Surrey Cricket League.

Things were always going to be hard for new skipper Steve as the season started at an all-time low having lost 8 key players from last year and also having a bad turn out to pre-season nets. Too many games this season were we left struggling to get eleven players which is a shame for a club of our history. Steve is to be praised for his persistence in trying to get new names to the club and we have ended the season with 11 consistent team players. Sadly, many of the club's old boys failed to make themselves available to strengthen a weaker side when called upon with the exception of Matt Benedict, Ray Clarke, James

Dear Fellow Old Xaverians

Since I last wrote the Cricket season has come and gone and we are now half way through the Football season – but more of these later.

At the recent AGM Eddie O'Brien resigned as Chairman, as he had threatened to for a year or so, in his place we elected Brendan Williams as his replacement. While we should be pleased to welcome Brendan as our Chairman I would like to thank Eddie, on your behalf, for the years that he has led our Association.

Eddie has not only fulfilled the role of Chairman, attending nearly all of our functions, keeping the Committee in line and (with the able assistance of Mick Power) organising our Chairman's Lunch, which has gone from strength to strength but has also been fixture secretary of the Football Section ensuring that our Captains and players maintain the high standards of behaviour of which we can be proud.

I am not sure whether it is relegation or promotion but Eddie has agreed to become Association Secretary, which I am sure has gone some way towards Brendan agreeing to become Chairman.

We can look forward to Brendan's strategic thinking and Eddie's diligence in the coming year.

At the AGM I proposed (as Membership Secretary) an opportunity for our older members to become Life Members, at a reduced rate, so please read my article on this subject and take advantage of this offer.

You will also find in the later pages an announcement that our web site is now up and running. In truth this is the easy bit, the hard bit is making it interesting enough to encourage you to log on. Please let us have your views, notices, articles, etc which will help to make this a success.

On the Cricket front we had a tough time. Following their promotion the 1<sup>st</sup> XI suffered from losing three or four of their key players and did well to avoid relegation. From a personal point of view I would like to say that Tom Maslona did a terrific job in maintaining our position in the League and should not hold himself responsible for having not gained promotion. I have always believed that it is easy to captain a winning team which is loaded with fine players but a real challenge when players are not available on a regular basis and the team changes each week.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> XI retained their position, after having gained promotion and, to a large extent, their lowly position was not helped by the unavailability of 1<sup>st</sup> XI players. Despite this we managed to do well with some outstanding individual performances, particularly by Bob Stiddard and Gary Knight who both scored centuries.

Change of Chairman 2005  
**Brendan Williams**  
picks up the  
Xaverian "gauntlet" -  
at a very difficult  
time and for the  
Clapham Old  
Xaverians The  
Association needed a  
new, fresh, strong  
leader and in  
Brendan we got that  
throughout his  
six-year tender.



# 15. The "new" Mayfield Story - saving the Xaverian Cemetery 2013

## Mayfield -the Xaverian Brothers Cemetery



Six months ago I was working at Eastbourne and was driving near Mayfield twice a week, one sunny April day I decided to drop in to the old school and have a "nose" and to pay my respects at the Xaverian Cemetery within its grounds. Clapham has a real link there brothers both buried, Summer camps, final resting place of many of those who taught us,



**Before**, the Cemetery at around Easter time – with the Crosses overgrown by 12" of grass, by Easter this had grown to 2 feet high. This scene was a real challenge for eight 60 - 80 year-old COXA Urbanites!

Working parties can do just so much. Eventually a longer-term, financially viable solution will be required.

Even the Chair swapped oils and an easel for gloss

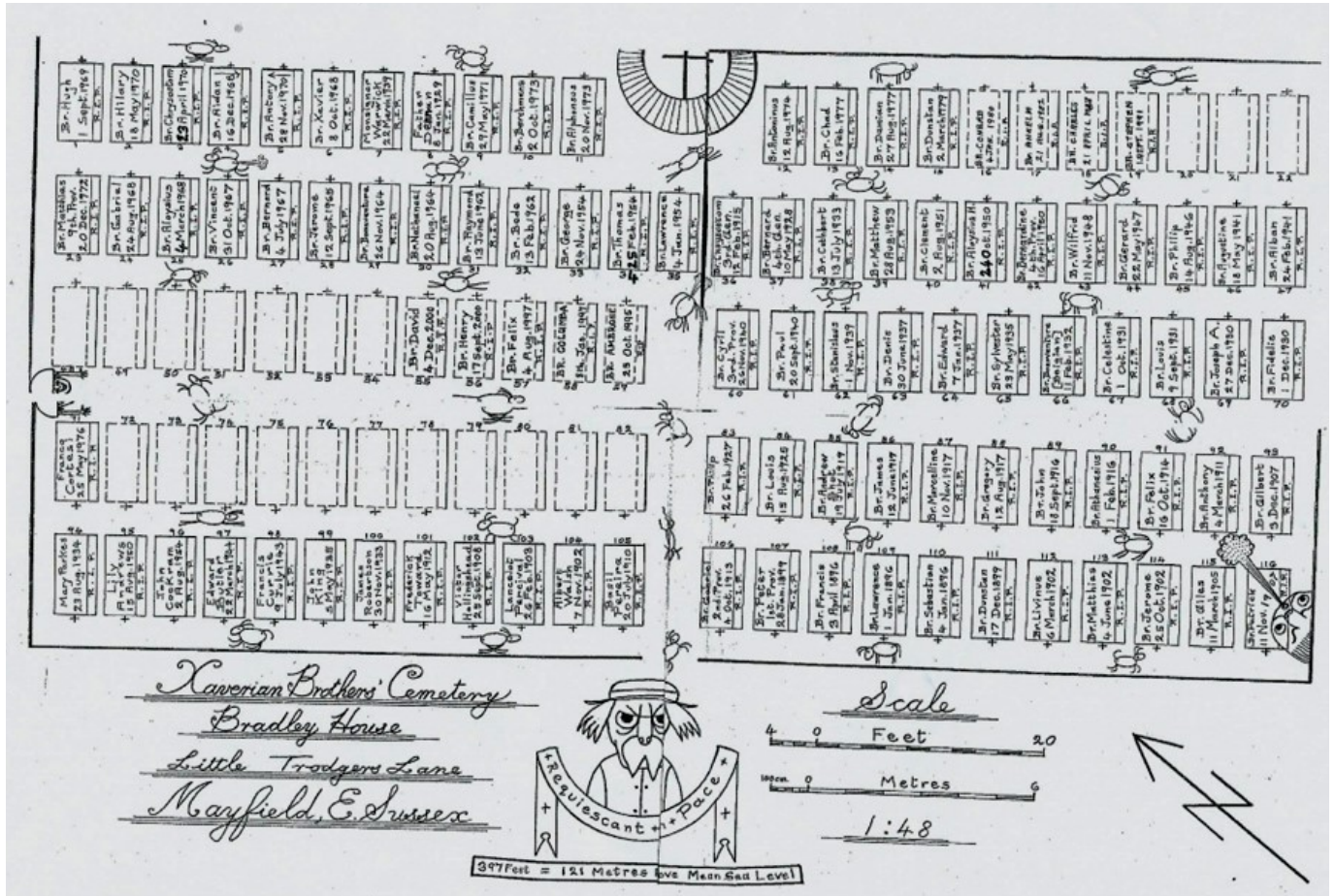


Eddie O'Brien & Mick Power, part of the Clapham Committee Gardening "crew" busy action cutting back the shrubs and tall grass the Cemetery at Mayfield. We didn't have much expertise and few High Tech tools, but in 3 hours, with the usual Old Xaverian drive and determination the ravage of a long period of neglect were "put to the sword" [strimmer and secateurs].

Saving an old graveyard is not a simple affair - requires finance from COXA and the Xaverians in the USA.



16. All the graves mapped & Br. Peter from the USA - now "The" Br Peter [not Clapham's one]



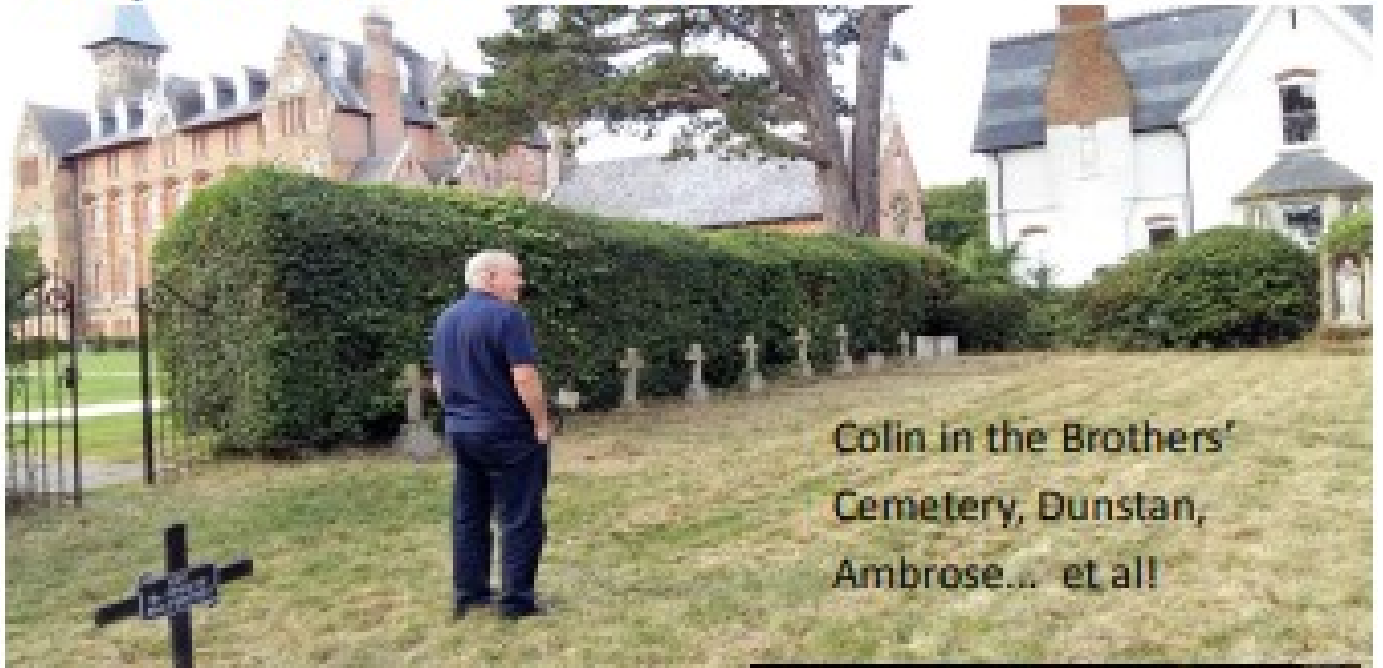
## 17. Breathing new life into a broken down graveyard, Brendan and the new crosses



There we Clapham working parties, cutting hedges, cutting grass, removing ant hills and painting. There was also regular gardening care from a local company. Then Brendan's Project with his **Building Heroes Charity** that made and replaced 30 metal crosses, A great effort. I'm sure Brendan is sharing a prayer with **Br Ambrose**. [He'd have been delighted with his new cross - and the prayer!]

## 18. Mayfield - our ongoing love affair and the "Chairman's Chapel"

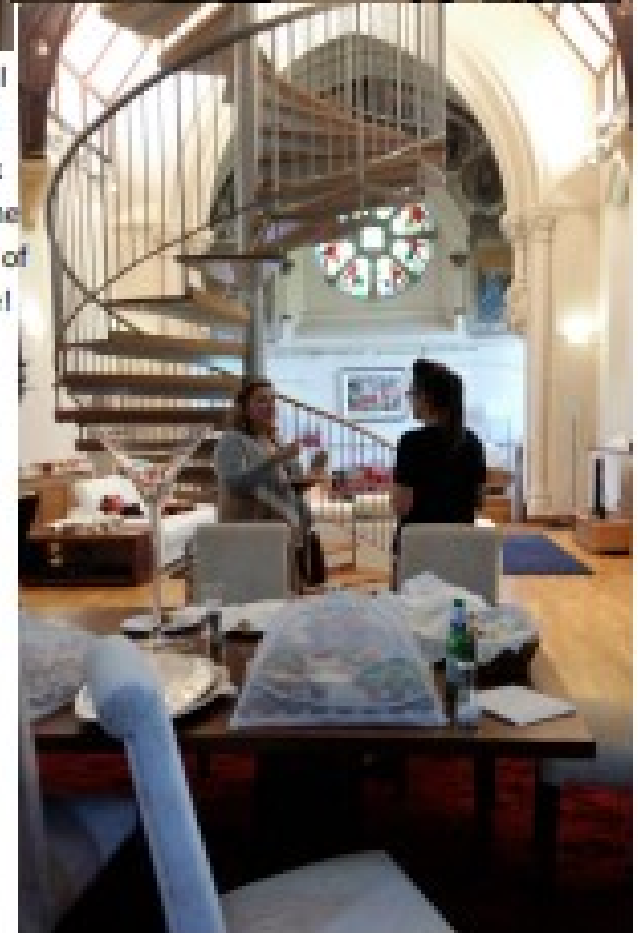
### Mayfield Revisited - continued



Colin in the Brothers' Cemetery, Dunstan, Ambrose... et al!



David [and family] provided a fabulous spread for a small band of Xaverians [Benedict's, Bren Williams & , Scotty & Colin Garvey] and friends . A visit to the graves and walk around the grounds as well as a wonderful company in the old Chapel, was a lovely reminder of the "good ole days" of the Mayfield Picnic. Thanks Chairman - until the next one!



## Personalia

Dennis Hook (1942)

In November, Dennis and his wife, Brenda, attended a memorial service in Mesa, near Phoenix, Arizona, to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Dennis had trained in Mesa in 1945 with the US Air Force, with a view to becoming an RAF Pilot in Europe, or the Far East. Ex-RAF Personnel in Mesa in November were treated to a Fly-Past, a Parade, a dinner, and several Receptions, to honour their contribution to the war effort.

John McDermott (1959)

John now lives near Poitiers in France. He is in regular contact with classmates, Phil Gray, Pete Wils and Colin Garvey.

Professor Mick Turvey (1960)

Mick, who is Professor of Neurology, at the University of Connecticut, recently stopped off in London, during a lecture tour of Europe. He had dinner with Cecil Pocock, Mick Gowan and Colin Garvey. He is in contact with Karl Sabbagh (1961), and would like to meet up with Alec Morrish (1961), who used to help him with his maths in Bill Blight's 'A' Level classes!!

Serge Cefai (1976)

In October, Serge, Deputy Head at Sacred Heart School, Camberwell, led a party of pupils and staff to Thailand, where they helped build a classroom for a children's orphanage. It is a scheme supported by Bishop Henderson, and was a most successful venture. Serge is now back playing for COXA 3<sup>rd</sup> XI.

Keith Ian Taylor

Died 1996 after a struggle with oesophageal cancer.

Anthony Richardson

Died October 2005.

Brother of Father Lawrence Richardson and first cousin of Bernard and Henry Plummer.

Kazik Ostrowski is now living in Spain.

Denzil Mascarenhas is now living and working in Prague.

Congratulations to Paul Barber on his recent wedding to Sue. Unusually, Paul brought Sue to the Annual Mass as part of his honeymoon.

Gerry Morrison was recently appointed as a school governor at St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Banstead. Gerry works for the BBC and directs the TV racing coverage.

The Annual Mass was attended by Brian Lawler who was at the College 1934 - 1939 and would like to get in touch with anyone at the College from his era

Tony Gray has now retired !!

## Don Mulvihill

Who died recently at the age of 86 years.

Don went to Clapham College between the 1923 and 1933. He began in the prep. School.

He was in Charterhouse. A good footballer he played full back for the school 1<sup>st</sup>. XI and for the OB's both before and after the War.

During the war he was in the Royal Army Medical Corps and part of that time he spent in Freetown and then in Sierra Leone in West Africa.

After the war he was an accountant with British Road Services.

After the war he reformed the football section with some friends and they began playing friendlies before entering the OB's League. The rest is history.

He helped build the clubhouse at Norbury in the early fifties and eventually became a selector for the football section. He, Maurice Ward and Derek Rowe could always be seen at one of the matches and they met over many years to pick the next weeks teams, often in 'The Sussex'. Don and John Woollard were recently awarded medals by the F.A. for 50 years service to football.

He was a Vice President of COXA and served on the Committee over many years and in many capacities, particularly as Assn. Treasurer.

He was devoted to his family and especially enjoyed meeting his many nephews and nieces. We send our condolences to his sister, Brenda.

Most Old Boys knew Don and knew him to be a kind and gentle man. This was obvious from the very large presence of Old Boys at his funeral in Nightingale Square.

May He Rest In Peace.

## 21. Football in 2003 from Clapper - please excuse the quality

I would very much like to thank each and every one of the 41-squad players!  
(That's more than the England squad!)

We lost our first 3 games, all high scoring affairs: 3 -5, 2- 3 and 3 - 4 then won 3 in a row!

I would like to say a massive thank you to: John Pettley, Eddie O'Brien, Spencer McGuire, Andy Feehaley, David Nix and Dan Condon.

I would like to thank all of the players, especially those who turned up knowing that they would be subs.

The season's highlight was beating Meadonians away 5 - 3.

The season's lowest point was hearing that Darren Love (a very up coming striker) was in a coma following a vicious attack one evening. I am glad to say that he is making a good recovery.

A big well done to the players who began life in the 5ths and ended up in the higher teams : Steve Duffy, Gardeep Sembi and Patrick Mc Dowell.

The characters in the teams that stick out :

Rory Allison, Clyson Burrows ( Top scorer), The Hunt Brothers, Lee Farrell, Franco Cornelli, Darren Skinner, Noel Allison, Michael Quinn, Clive Pearce, Darren Skinner, Gordon McCarthy, and Peter Adeemi.

Congratulations to Dave Nix and Andy Feehaley for taking up the managerial gauntlet for another season and I wish all of the players great success in the forthcoming season.

Good luck for the coming years to you all.

### End of Season Summary

The COXA Football Season officially ended on 18<sup>th</sup> May, the day kicking off with a Testimonial match for Colin Brown followed by a Bar B Q, the Awards and finished off with our resident Live Band (featuring among others, Gerry Lambie and Franco Cornelli). The day was brilliantly organised by Steve Gordon, Richard Rooney and Alex McPherson. Well done lads - the best COXA awards event for many season (you've got the job for next season).

### Roll of Honour

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS	Pos	
1 <sup>st</sup> XI Senior Div3	22	10	4	8	51	39	34	5th	Player of the Year: Steve Duffy.
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Div 1 South	18	8	3	7	39	40	27	4th	Player of the Year James Allen.
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI Div 2 South	20	5	4	11	36	63	19	10th	Player of the Year Andy McDonald.
4 <sup>th</sup> XI Div 4 South	18	14	3	1	71	20	45	1st	Player of the Year Michael Garvey
5 <sup>th</sup> XI Div 7 South	16	11	0	5	66	42	33	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Player of the Year Dave Nix.

### Club Awards

Player of the Year ----- Alex McPherson

Young Player of the Year--- Chinua Leber

Leading Goalscorer----- Richard Williams

Club Man of the Year ----- John Pettley

Long Service Award -----Colin Garvey

## 22. 2006 AFA Cup Final

### Match Report - Mark Coughlan COXA v Old Salesians - Surrey / Kent AFA Senior Cup Final

As the morning sun shone its first rays on Beddington Park on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2006, the pristinely-kept pitches that had long sat unused in preparation for this occasion, sprang to life when Clapham Old Xaverians, the perennial labcomers, arrived more than an hour before kick-off amid eager anticipation, although Luke Roszkowski's admission of butterflies gave way to a flurry of admissions throughout the side - this was no normal game, and Clapham knew it!

Having come through all manner of games to get this far, including a penalty shootout in the Quarter Final, at HSBC, which included Rich Rooney's Dudek-like display in goal and an inspiring 4-1 win against the odds in the semi-final, where COXA had gone one down before battling back to comfortably secure victory, Clapham were looking forward to performing at their very own theatre of dreams (the same theatre where a Dean Eaton-inspired side came through that memorable semi!)

Troops gathered in the changing room and, after reassurances that the apparent new signing was in fact just a very bronzed Matt Cefai back from holiday, John Mansi relaxed, with his side around him, allayed any fears with his own confidence in this young side before sending them out for the warm up while preparing his own, by now, famous pre-match speech.

As the fans began gathering pitch side and the ominous grey clouds drifted in for a closer view of the action, the Clapham side had one last team photo and returned to the changing room for the final rousing talk from coach Mansi, a talk that drew a tear from many an eye. Whatever happened on the pitch, you couldn't help but be impressed - John's traditional mantra "Get it Down, Get it Wide" went side by side with a speech that Henry V himself couldn't have bettered, in the heat of battle at Agincourt, the Clapham side took to the pitch for one final huddle with confidence brimming over.

Final motivational words exchanged, the Surrey/Kent Senior Cup final 2006 was underway...Just as the rain came down!

Clapham's pace out of the blocks and organisation within the team clearly took Salesians by surprise as the ball was knocked about with the confidence of a Premiership side and Matt and Luke repeatedly found space down the flanks. The assured defending, as always, of Chinus and the returning Pete Codd at the back, flanked by the skipper Steve Gordon and Mick Garvey, sporting new gloves for the occasion, minimised the early chances and the opening half hour saw Clapham settling into the game better, with Dean Eaton twice coming close, most notably seeing a left foot strike drift agonisingly wide.

At the top Ian "Rups" Austin was causing the same problems, as always, with his strength and determination and, with Rich Rooney revelling in his holding midfield role, it was Eaton and his "extremely fit" midfield partner Mick Gorman that were seeing the most of the ball.

Although Salesians had caused a few problems late in the half, a mixture of resolute defending and some great reflexes from keeper Matt Arnold saw the scores level at half-time, with little to speak of in terms of clear chances, and Clapham's belief merely soared with the realisation that the cup was there for the taking.

A surprisingly relaxed changing room at half time spoke volumes for Clapham's belief against, if you believed the League tables, a much better side, and they emerged for the second half with this confidence ebbing. Despite this, Salesians started the second half better and Matt Arnold was again called into action, pulling off a string of superb saves, although Clapham could take heart that the main threat was coming from distance as the back four continued to stand strong.

As the second half ticked on, the game began to settle into a midfield battle with little happening of note at either end and John Mansi decided to make his first change, bringing Mark Coughlan, only recently called into the squad, on at right midfield/wing for Matt Cefai as Cefai hadn't played in a few weeks and had run the Salesians left back into the ground all half.



## 2006 AJA Cup Final part II

Within minutes, a second change clearly indicated Clapham's confidence as John withdrew the be-gloved left back Nick Garvey and brought on attack-minded Anthony Kearney to play left wing, with Luke Roskowski dropping into the vacated defensive slot.

As the defensive quartet quickly gelled into place, and the midfield trio of Rooney, Eaton and Gorman continued to dominate the centre of the park, the youth on the wings began to tire the defence and gaps began to appear in behind Salesians, forcing changes in their team as the minutes ticked down. Some late pressure on Clapham was again survived, thanks to the season-long practice of grit, determination and Matty Arnold's heroics and, as the whistle went for the end of 90 minutes, the game was still hanging very much in the balance.

Tired legs and tired minds saw the first 15 minutes of extra time pass with little to speak of, although special note has to go to Matt Arnold's full-length fingertip save off Pete Codd's defensive interception as the ball threatened to loop into the seemingly unguarded net, but it was the second period of extra time, with penalties looming, that saw the game spring into action.

Matt Rice was called into action with the second period still to play as Steve Gordon's hamstring injury, tolerated up to this late point, finally forced the captain off the pitch to a string of congratulatory reactions, the captain having clearly played through the pain barrier for his side. As already mentioned, the Salesians defence were struggling to cope with Rups' power up front and the seemingly never-ending stamina of the midfield and it was the combination of Rups and the two midfield subs that nearly brought a goal when Rups lay-back was sent goalwards by Coughlan into Kearney's path with the goal gaping. Somehow the Salesians keeper kept the ball out but the pendulum had swung massively in Clapham's favour and the support of over 100 fans on the side spurred them on further, before the inevitable goal saw Kearney make up for the miss within minutes.

As the ball broke to the edge of the Salesians box, Dean Eaton shaped to shoot before picking out an unmarked Kearney who opened up his body and curled the ball into the far corner of the net, sparking scenes of jubilation rivaling England 1966. Clapham were ahead after 110 minutes, but the work was far from over as Salesians went all out to save their cup challenge. The pressure was telling on the Salesian side and frustrations boiled over within minutes when the number 6 in midfield swung an arm at goalscoring hero Ant Kearney and was duly given his marching orders by the referee, albeit for a second yellow - the consolation being he'll only miss one game next season!

The game understandably opened up completely with the 10 men of Salesians desperate for a goal and Clapham took full advantage with a devastating break. After Rups had held up a forward ball and played it into Eaton's path, his through ball in turn found Coughlan, whose dummy shot left the new left-back flailing at thin air, and allowed him time to weigh up his options with the keeper facing him before squaring the ball to the waiting green and blue shirts, allowing Rups to fire the ball home into the unguarded net - the only kicker being that his own video camera had run out of battery by this historic moment!!

Only moments remained, and one or two over-exuberant challenges were let go by the referee before the game was brought to an end and Clapham's name was confirmed on the famous trophy for the first time in over 20 years. Scenes of celebration were kept somewhat muted in front of the devastated Salesians, but Clapham's historic win will surely shape the future of this great club, especially considering the youth that formed such a large part of this team, and the ecstatic players returned to their own Clubhouse to help themselves to some well-earned refreshment from the trophy, and celebrate in style, as only they know how - A bit of 80's Punk in Horwood!!!

		Arnold		
Gordon	Labor		Codd	Garvey
		Rooney		
	Gorman	Eaton		
Cefai			Roskowski	
		Austin		

Subs: Coughlan, Kearney, Rice      Manager: Marci

# 2006 AFA Cup Final part III

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**AFA Surrey/Kent Cup Final  
Old Salesians 0 v Clapham Old Xaverians 2**

**Goal Scorers: Anthony Kearney and Ian Austin**

**CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS WINNING TEAM**



Back row left to right: John Mansi (Manager), Anthony Kearney, Mick Gorman, Chinua Labor, Matt Arnold, Ian Austin, Matt Cefai, Mark Coughlan and Matt Rice.

Front row left to right: Richard Rooney, Steve Gordon (Captain), Peter Codd, Dean Eaton, Luke Roszkowski and Michael Garvey.



## 25. Reunions at the College and always more minor ones world-wide

### To the 2006 reunion of Clapham College:

First of all, I wish I could have been there myself to say these few words, but my holiday plans were made some time ago so instead on Saturday I'll be in Portugal practising my broad Scottish accent (in case there are any issues arising from the World Cup match being played that day).

It's been 31 years since leaving the School, and for all of us much will have happened – families, careers, and so on. But I'm sure each and everyone of us can still remember our time at Clapham. I personally and vividly remember the first day I spent at the School in December 1968. The family had moved up from Canterbury and so I wore a red blazer from my previous school, and everyone else had on these bright blue blazers with yellow edging. And then there were the brothers – Br. Ambrose was the form teacher for 1a and I recall the first session having to sit in the front row of the class (we all being in alphabetical order) and listening to the names being called out from the registry (Burke, Butler, Casey, Costello... You know I still can recall most all the names without thinking). You all had exams, and I can recall a certain David Heffer being 1st in class.

I enjoyed my time immensely throughout 1968-1975. The teachers (I think I remember most, but the name of the Latin teacher from 3<sup>rd</sup> year onwards escapes me although the lessons were wild); the changes when the brothers left after second year and Cecil Pocock (of Baron Rollo fame) becoming Headmaster; and who was reckoned to be the best fighter (possibly McGarahan for the alphas, but when McGowan bested Hughes in 2A I think there was a change in the pecking order). Things of course changed after 5<sup>th</sup> year, and the A's and the a's combined. And then becoming Head Boy (sorry, Jan, I know it really should have been you!), organizing the social action group with St Gerard's and Bishop Thomas Grant, but more especially (and much more importantly) with the girls of La Retraite. It was also sad when Clapham College was merged with St Gerrard's in 1975, and then finally closed down (although St. Xavier's 6<sup>th</sup> Form College now occupies the old school site). Well, enough ramblings from me. All it leaves me to do is to wish you all the very best, happy memories, and hopefully we all can meet again if we keep in touch. Organising that I shall leave in the very capable hands of Jan.

With very best wishes

Richard (Harry) Harris  
(School Captain 1974-75)

## COXA Golf Day



Back by popular demand!

The 2008 COXA Golf day will be held at Mitcham Golf Club, Carshalton Road, Mitcham on Saturday, 26th April.

All handicaps and levels of ability welcome.

Places are limited so early booking is essential.

To book your place contact **John McGuire** on 020 8394 6579 (business) or 01322 409 769 (home).

COXA GOLF DAY - SUMMER 2016



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## 27. COXA Golf scores start to replace football results in the 21st Centu-

### 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

### 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.LEATHEN
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

## 28. St Francis Xavier Day 2006 and Personalia 2006

### St Francis Xavier Day

On Saturday 1st July, we celebrated 500 years since the birth of St Francis Xavier by organising a Mass and reception at SFX College.

The day was a great success and the list below identifies those who attended.

Fr. Felzmann	Steve Parker	J A Frost	Sean Walsh
Fr Pierce	Jean MacGrath	Kieran Fagan	Brian Lawlor
Fr Richins	Nick Crean	Tony Morrish	Lorcan Farrelly
Rev P Milligan	Brendan Crean	Pat Breslin	Lawrence Milligan
John Noulton	Mick Weir	Malcolm Corey	John McGowan
Vic Roszkowski	Terry Cremins	Gerald Felix	Pete Hughes
John Egan	John Wood	Phil Leeder	Dave Rowles
Eric Tope	Ray Williams	Dennis Hook	David Leathem
Harry Mellor	Jan Luba	John Brandon	John Pettley
Paul Kanssen	Paul West	Pat Burke	Dave Faulkner
Brian Sanders	Philip Schwenk	Bernard Farrell	John Leathem
John Keen	Alec Morrish	Laurie Roache	Paul Cousins
Tim Higgins	Phil Barrington	Gerard Burgess	John Gilhooly
Cecil Pocock	John Richins	Ben Schwenk	Kevin Bond
Denis Quin	Val Cooper	John Summerfield	Pat O'Connor
Tom Ennis	Mel Thompson	Frank Burkhard	Martin D'Mello
Alan Shea	Madelen James	Alan White	T. Regan
Mick Power	Tony Gilford	Frank Murphy	Lawrence Richins
Seamus Burke	Paul Barber	Joe Cernuschi	Nino Carraccio
Eddie O'Brien	Gerald Rowe	John Sheridan	Brendan Williams
Colin Garvey	Glyn Morris	Bernard Fincham	

### Personalia

Our Congratulations go to Colin Garvey who on Monday 17th July received the Papal Award, Knight of St Gregory at Virgo Fidelis Church, Upper Norwood. Colin was joined by his family and many Old Boys - Congratulations.

#### **31st July 2006**

##### **Paul Davis announces departure from Young's Brewery**

Paul Davis, Director of Sales, has decided to leave Young's Brewery and move onto new ventures. Steve Goodyear, Chief Executive commented, 'naturally, after 10 successful years with Young's, we are sad that Paul has decided to leave and not take up the opportunity of joining the Wells & Young's Brewing Company. However, we respect his decision and with our agreement, he is leaving the business on 31st July 2006.

Paul has played an integral part in the changes and development in all aspects of the business and in particular the dramatic growth of the Young's beer portfolio throughout National Sales'.

Paul commented 'working at Young's has been a fantastic experience. However, as the company moves on, I feel it is also time for me to do so and seek fresh challenges'.

Steve added, "I am sure his many friends and colleagues within Young's and the industry will join with me in wishing Paul every success for the future'.

Dave Watkinson, for many years a geography teacher and year master at Clapham College, when he moved to the Salesian College at Battersea - some people do the strangest things - has now taken early retirement (not surprisingly) and is in the throes of opening a B and B in the Lake District. Though technically not open for business until almost next Easter, Dave has said that he will lend a sympathetic ear to any COXA member seeking a place to stay before then.

He can be contacted at Bank End House, Appleby-in-Westmorland, Cumbria CA16 6LH. Telephone 01768352050 or Mobile 07966701371.

"The Friday Club" - that's the new name for those who used to call themselves the Old Fogies plus any other Old Xaverian who wants to meet up occasionally with some like-minded friends for a chat and a drink or two. The inaugural meeting will take place on Friday, 12th January, 2007 at 8:30pm onwards in The Five Bells in Streatham, when we shall discuss, among other things, future venues, frequency and type of meetings. Do come along and give this new venture your support. Any questions, suggestions, etc to Brian Sanders on 020 7639 4430.

Congratulations to First Team Skipper Steve Gordon and Emma who got married on 24th November 2006 in Amersham. The Reception was held in Moor Park Golf Course with many attendees from the ranks of COXA, including the McGuire brothers, Joe Davorn, Rich Rooney, Paul Reeve, John Mansi, Luke Roszkowski and Will Annison.

## 29. Death of Past Chairman Alan Thomas in 2007 - missed by

Alan J Thomas (1920 – 2007)

Difficult to read, but worth inclusion



Alan Thomas, a past Chairman and long-time Vice-President of the Clapham Old Xaverians' Association, died peacefully at Jubilee House, Godalming on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2007 aged 86. A Requiem Mass, attended by his family, friends and colleagues from the Ministry of Defence, was held at St. Joseph's, Graythott on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Alan attended the College between 1930 and 1939. While in the 6th form, preparing for his Higher School Certificate, he was awarded a scholarship to study French at the Sorbonne. Unfortunately, the Munich crisis intervened. His French hosts decamped to the countryside leaving him homeless and short of money. Undaunted Alan returned home and successfully gained his Higher Schools Certificate in English, French, Physics and Pure Mathematics in 1939.

Alan joined the Admiralty in August 1939 as an Assistant Naval Stores Officer. His wartime postings included spells in Chatham, Rosyth and Freetown in Sierra Leone, where in 1943 he was promoted to Deputy Naval Stores Officer. In 1945, following the Japanese surrender, he was a member of the Naval party that went to Singapore to reclaim the dockyards. In September of that year he was promoted to Naval Stores Officer.

Between 1947 and 1954 Alan worked at the Admiralty in London. During this time he was captain of the COXA football 1st XI (1949-50), Vice-Chairman (1951-52) and Chairman of the Association (1952-53).

A long and successful career in the Civil Service culminated in his appointment as Director of Supplies and Transport at the Ministry of Defence (Navy). In this position from 1974 until his retirement in 1980, he was in charge of a department of 280 headquarters staff responsible for:

the management of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Service comprising 32 ocean going ships with a total complement of 3,000 officers and ratings;

the supply of fuel and lubricants for the Royal Navy and the management of Royal Navy fuel depots worldwide and NATO fuel depots in the United Kingdom;

the management of Royal Navy motor transport comprising some 5,500 vehicles;

the movement of Royal Navy personnel and material and

the supply of food for all three services and of clothing for the Royal Navy.

Alan J Thomas a fantastic servant to both  
the Royal Navy and the Clapham Old Xaverians

## 30. Urban Myths 2007

### Urban Myths

Urban myths are stories, which are re-told so many times that we wonder if they really happened at all. Can these stories about Clapham College or the Old Boys be true?

The first is true, because I saw it happen. About 1960 Cecil Foxcock was leading his annual camp at Mayfield. One day, as Cecil cooked lunch, in his shorts, the local police officer drove into the centre of the camp. He marched towards Cecil in a forceful and aggressive manner. He barked out in a rustic accent, "Look, mate, someone did some damage in the village last night, and your London boys must be responsible." Cecil bristled, "Excuse me officer, I am Mayor of Chiswick, and also a Justice of the Peace. My pupils are no angels, but they wouldn't do deliberate damage in the village." The policeman's jaw dropped. He bowed, almost touched his forehead, and said to Cecil, "Your honour, I'm sorry. It must have been the village boys. Sorry to trouble you, your worship." He retreated backwards to the car, bowing all the time, then drove off. Cecil was beaming for a week.

I didn't see the second incident, but the culprit tells me it is true. By the 1980s, Clapham College was a large comprehensive school with a 1000 boys on roll. The entrance was now in Malwood Road. Two Clapham pupils were out at lunchtime, when they came across a Sinclair C5 in Malwood Road. Naturally they got in, started it up, and drove around the streets. Proud of their feat, they drove it into the playground (the former paddock) where they were surrounded by hundreds of pupils. Simon Cowdry, a young teacher, strode across, told them to get out, then said those fateful words "Let me have a go!" To the cheers of the pupils, he drove it around the playground. Suddenly a police car, with a blue light flashing, drove into the playground, and the officers apprehended Simon. The myth is that he was arrested and spent a night in the cells, but more likely he explained it away on the spot. What really happened, Simon?

Scotty MacDonald - never one to exaggerate - claims that when he was in the Fourth Year, up in 4A classroom, the Maths teacher, Ron Casey, couldn't find the board duster, so opened his case and took out a pair of underpants. To the mirth of the class, he cleaned the board with these Y fronts. When he finally left the classroom, Scotty led the chant "Ronnie, Ronnie, Ronnieparts...". Scotty will know if this true - we only know the chant.



Kevin Horkan has sent me this picture of the youngest two players to represent COXA in the Surrey Cricket League. Aaron O'Sullivan and Jack Walsh, both of whose fathers are Old Boys, made their debut in the game against Addington, Jack spent the next two days wearing his Clapham cap even in bed. Both boys fielded very well and Jack ended up 2 not out.

The problem with "Urban Myths" is that at Clapham they are true..

Well as Colin Garvey always says "This is a true story..."



## 31. Graham Hudson's Stag and the Legend that is Stan Miller

Hudson held his Stag Night in the Clubhouse at Norbury. Copious amounts of beer were consumed, and the singing started. I seem to remember seeing, through an alcoholic haze, a naked Graham singing an Elvis song, when someone sprayed him with a soda siphon. The next part is rather vague. I remember Vic Roskowski and Keith McEllegiott taking off all their clothes, and running round the football pitch in the dark. Mark Roskowski – was he wearing clothes! – pursued them on his motorbike, catching them in his headlight. Suddenly there was a sickening noise from the motorbike and the headlight was now pointing into the night sky. Mark has driven into Mr. Slade's tractor at the side of the pitch, but luckily was unharmed. It was back to work the next day.

The last word goes to Dan Condon, who took the COXA 6<sup>th</sup> XI to Woking about ten years ago. The Loop Road ground was looking perfect this golden, autumnal afternoon. The 6<sup>th</sup> XI were playing on the big pitch. Before the game our team walked over the freshly mown grass. Pat Duggan announced to the team "I can't wait – this is my kind of pitch." The team went to get changed. Suddenly there was a cry from the toilets – Pat had put his back out, as he went to sit on the toilet. The team carried him to the side of the pitch where he watched the game from a chair borrowed from the bar. After the game, as the 10 man team trudged off the field, he said to Dan, "Fiy, because it was my kind of pitch!"

Who could make any of these stories up?

In 2007, we "lost" Stan Miller

*Colin Garvey*

### Stan Miller – A Legend in His Own Lifetime



Well he was in my family anyway.

I first met Stan when cricket match fees were half-a-crown a match and teas were 1/6d. I used to play for St.Paul's Cricket Club. We were playing the Inland Revenue at Thames Ditton and Stan turned up guesting one day. I don't remember Stan's statistics for that day, although I dare say Stan would, but I do remember filing in for tea. Stan walked in with the team and picked up a plate and took a selection from the three tables of the best cakes! I was somewhat astonished by this behaviour, you had to eat sandwiches before tackling cakes in my circle. Although I never mentioned it to him or anyone else at the time, when I got home I told my wife in an idle moment before my two children, who would have been about four and six years old,

and they never forgot. Each week I would be asked by them, "Daddy, was that naughty man playing?" and when he had been I would usually tell them that he had scored a lot of runs.

Over the years I played a number of matches with Stan and he always stood out either with the bat or the ball. I well remember walking off the pitch at West End Esber when Stan had scored 70 or so and then taken 5 for 48 or some such and he confided in me that he really couldn't carry on like that. "I'm too old for this." He must have been about 33.

## 32. The Boys of 1954 - never kept out of the news [after all these years] still going strong at the “Falcon” in Battersea

Thus it was that, for me at least, January 2008 was the best Chairman's Lunch of all, with the class of '54 providing fifteen of the total attendance and with Steve, Mike and Phil committed to returning next year to pick up the conversation where we left it.

For the record the fifteen from '54 were:

Alphas: Steve Bradford, Terry Cain, Lorcan Farrelly, John Quirk, John Rudd and Ben Schwenk.



'A's: Rich Clark, Tony Cleather, Col Carvey, Phil Gray, Peter Keenan, Mick Power, Peter Serafinowicz, Mike Walsh and your correspondent.

*Pete Wills*

When sixty small boys met together for the first time in 1954 at the base of the Bell Tower at Clapham College, who would have thought that 69 years later they would still be meeting up in numbers, from all parts of the world. The Falcon, Clapham Junction has become their “Watering Hole” - a real Band of Brothers, still together still friends.

### 33. Clapper 2008 - Personalia - poorly copied - but great stuff

Lynn also sent me this photograph of an Old Boys' five-a-side team taken in the paddock in April 1963 after they had been runners-up in a competition at Hampton Court. From left to right: Tony Amara, Will Pepper, Lynn Carpenter, John McGuire, and Frank Hixson. The photograph was taken by the goalkeeper, Colin Luke.



Not being a footballer, my own memories of those times are of travelling to school with Colin Luke and being told about a mysterious Panamanian called 'Cisco', who was the team's benefactor and chauffeur. Apparently 'Cisco', through his connection with the Panamanian Consulate, supplied

Lynn with cheap booze and Camel cigarettes and taught him about horse and greyhound racing and 3-card brag. Immediately after leaving Clapham College in 1958 Lynn played for the Old Boys with Chris Scott, Henry Piment, Pat Breslin, Joe Carnaschi, John Keenan, Will Pepper, and Pete Brown during times when it was a struggle to get two teams together. By the time he moved to Sturgeshouse in 1965, Colin Luke, Ted Newman, John McGowan, Michael Ives, Phil Loader, Will Pepper, Frank Hixson, Tony Amara, John McGuire, Jim Howard, and Sean Gavigan were the basis of the 1<sup>st</sup> XI. I remember him at school throwing the javelin because I have a fear of flying objects having been hit on the head by a discus thrown by Bill Kidd

The evil that men do .... Mick Power has alerted me to a story that appeared in the South London Press in 1978 and was recalled earlier this year:

*Warm weather was costing a Clapham pub as hundreds of glass beer mugs went missing or were smashed by drinkers sitting outside. Frank Reeves, licensee of The Windmill, estimated that he was losing around £150 a week.*

The culprits know who they are and the Club House benefited. Do the ends justify the means? Discuss.

## 34. Cecil Pocock's 80th Birthday, reported in Clapper in 2009

Cecil Pocock - The Authorised Version

**C**In July Cecil celebrated his 80th birthday. When I reported this to the COXA committee, they asked the editor to get somebody to write something for Clapper, but they said it shouldn't read like an obituary, because Cecil looks younger than we all do! I happily agreed to write a brief article.

Cecil, as he told us all in his History lessons, had an English father and a Russian mother (he used to speak Russian, but I don't know if he still does - we'll have to ask him at the Chairman's Lunch.) He went to Chiswick Grammar School, and won a scholarship to Cambridge. At Christ's he had a great time, discovering the delights of beer (huge fines for staggering back to College after midnight) and refereeing, but not playing, rugby. He became a Catholic at Cambridge - I don't know if this had anything to do with beer or rugby! During his teacher-training year at St. Mary's, he was sent on teaching practice to Clapham College. So impressed was he with the College and the spirit there that he asked Brother Joseph if there were any vacancies. There was one, so Cecil joined such legends as John Gibb, Bill Blight, Nat Bharrier, Harry Escott, Ernie Wright and Alec Begley, as well as Brothers Peter, Xavier, and Damian.



Cecil was an unorthodox teacher. He looks young now but he looked old then - with his formal suit and gown, his sleeked hair, moustache, and 1950s glasses. His lessons began on the dot - if the previous teacher were slow finishing off, Cecil would prowl around with that irritated look. He would begin "Rrrrrright" and then launch into 40 minutes of facts, comments and anecdotes rat rat rat - we were exhausted at the end. His heroes were most of the English kings and Tory Prime Ministers, his villains were Lenin, Stalin and Hitler, and most revolutionaries, including the Irish rebels of 1916 ( funny because most of the pupils had Irish parents!



Refereeing at Cambridge turned into umpiring and refereeing at Norbury each Saturday (what luck to watch such stars as Colin Luke and Tony Amura). Cecil led school camps at Foshunt and Mayfield. He took groups to the Tower, Hampton court and Parliament. With John Gibb he produced school plays each year and saw such star performers as Karl Sabagh, Peter Smith (now Archbishop of Cardiff) and John Gilhooly. When asked about all this time after school, Cecil said it was not duty, but a pleasure.

It is well known that while at Clapham, Cecil was Mayor of Brentford and Chiswick, and also a magis-

Football - Tour May 2009 - Poland

**F**ootball - Tour May 2009 - Poland  
The annual Football Tour set its sights on the picturesque venue of Krakow in Poland.

14 tourists meet (at an ungodly time of the morning) at Garsick in search of culture and general frivolity. The usual suspects were in attendance (Andy Brannon, Dan Condon, Franco Cornelli, Mansi junior & senior, Lorry Mullane, Madboy, Diesel, Pat Burke, Sean O'Sullivan, Spence, Steve Parker (yes me lady), Vicar and myself.

Football tour always brings to mind a group of war aircraft pilots being counted out & counted back in after their endeavours.

Its been known that we return with less tourists than we start with ("Pat don't forget your passport"), but it's a first in my experience to lose someone on the way out to tour. "You don't write, you don't send me flowers", John Pantley, no less, still in Highby while the rest of us are high in the stratosphere Poland bound. Not bad missing your own 40th birthday tour!

On arrival at Krakow airport, we found our Taxi driver for the weekend and headed to the bar next to the hotel.

We meet up with the advance party of tourists (Colin Brown, Graham Salter and Joe Davorn) who had headed to Krakow a day earlier. James Brown and Kieran Gunnastingham were still getting their heavy sleep and caught up with them later in proceedings.

Reports were coming in on John Pantley's whereabouts and tour fines were racking up faster than Black cab's meter at midnight.

Our connection from the Kop was also on his way to Krakow and several hours later (and a few

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hours later for that matter) Jimmy the Jug arrived heard to be saying "calm down, calm down" in suitable colloquial tones.





**H**all of Fame Night, October 2009.

### The Hall of Fame begins

Eighty past players came back to Norbury for a reunion. Forty current players were on hand to drink the bar dry. Seven trophies were presented to those being inducted into the Hall of Fame. Four barrels were emptied, plus all the bottles. £1000 was taken over the bar. Stories were told, the odd song was sung. Everyone wanted to come back in 2010. Sound good? It was.

The seven inducted were -

1. **Derek Rowe.** Until his death 18 years ago, **Derek** had been the mainstay of Clapham football for 40 years. His contribution was priceless. His daughter, Elizabeth was there to collect his award.

2. **Tony Amun.** During the 1950s the 1st XI were always in the very lowest leagues of the OBFL. When New players like Tony Amun, Phil Laeder and John Keenan came along, fortunes were changed - we won promotion and scored 100 goals in 4 consecutive seasons. Tony Amun would always get into my best Clapham team ever.

3. **John McGuire** played more than 500 games for Clapham, first as inside left (remember them!) then as midfield, then left back, then sweeper, then goalkeeper. A highly skilled player, there has never been a more enthusiastic one.

4. **Pete Brown** also played 500 times for Clapham, always in midfield. We used to laugh at his mazy crossfield runs, but you always wanted him in your side. Would run all day.

5. **Paul Hixon.** Played in the 70s and 80s. Centre forward, quick, knew where the goal was. I believe he scored more 1st XI goals than any other Old Boy, and this at a time when our teams were in the top divisions.

6. **John Leatham.** Went straight into the 1st XI at 18 in the late 70s and was an ever present defender for 30 years. Not tall for a defender, he could out jump most forwards, and his slide tackles were well timed. He was only dropped when he asked if he could play home fixtures only (honest.)

7. **Luke Roszkowski.** The present 1st XI has several players who would get into any Old Boys side - Paul Hamilton, Mick Gorman, and Peter Codd. The last award went to another of these who has played for COXA since he was 16 - Luke Roszkowski. What a great left foot, what a terrible temperament!

This and a few previous pages were taken from the "new" Clapper professionally collated by Alec Morrish [no slight on previous editors and their "John Bull" sets.

Previous years have seen reunions of the Class of 1954 with Mick Walsh coming from Canada, Phil Gray from France, and Rich Clark from Norway. This year as the following photographs from Frank Barretta show there was a reunion of 50 year olds. The first picture shows the College 1st XI circa 1976.



The top row moving from left to right consists of Mick Januszewski, Nick Crean, Frank Barretta, Tom Purcell, Dave Knight and Barrie O'Neill. The bottom row again moving from left to right consists of Paul Williams, Ray McGuinness, Martin O'Shea, John Flynn and Roy Harnett.



The second photograph taken at this year's Luncheon shows in the top row moving left to right Micky Burke, Gary Chivers, Mick Januszewski, Frank Barretta, Barrie O'Neil, Bob Audino, Tom Purcell and bottom row moving left to right Paul Williams, Ray McGuinness, Nick Crean, Roy Harnett, Mick McGowan, and John Flynn.

# 38. 2012 - The COXA "Hall of Fame"

## Hall of Fame October 2012

The 2012 Hall of Fame night was another great Old Xaverian occasion. Inducted into the famous "Hall" were Scotty, Matt Benedict, Colin [how did I take so long?], Serge Cefai [successful Headteacher and brave attempts at Centre Forward, Cricket & Football Captain – if only that smile was seen more often!] Wilson Bowers is in the shorts. Also inducted were Vic Roszkowski [free scoring centre forward for 30 years] and Steve Gordon [who collected his award on crutches] – no photos of those two, I'm afraid. The day warmed up with a match on the hallowed turf and the evening was lit up by the Band Night – great eve!

## Hall of Fame Night – coming - Oct 2013 [photos are from the 2012 "event"]

2009	2012
A.AMURA	M.BENEDICT
P.BROWN	W.BOWERS
P.HIXSON	S.CEFAI
J.LEATHEM	C.GARVEY
J.McGUIRE	S.GORDON
L.ROSZKOWSKI	D.McDONALD
D.ROWE	M.POWER
	V.ROSZKOWSKI
2010	2013
F.BARRETTA	
D.LEATHEM	
J.MANSI	
J.McGOWAN	
T.McLOUGHLIN	
B.MENSAH	
E.O'BRIEN	
A.WEBBER	
2011	
B.BENEDICT	
C.BROWN	
J.DAVORN	
S.MILLER	
D.MURTAGH	
S.PARKER	
E.TAGGART	





## 39. COXA - Hall of Fame

**H**all of Fame, 2010

COXA's second Hall of Fame evening attracted possibly 70 Old Boys to Norbury. Lisa had provided excellent food, and Mick a barrel of Whit-

stable. It was a great evening with two highlights. Alan Webber, John Mansi, Frank Barretta, Dave Leathem, John McGowan, Tom McLoughlin, Bernie Mensah and Eddie O'Brien were inducted into the Hall of Fame. The other highlight was the singing. Wilson Bowers, of course, sang American Pie, but was outshone by Dave Murtagh. Just when Dave thought he'd won Mick Garvey's excellent raffle, he pulled out his prize - "Sing a Song". Helped by Eamonn Taggart, he sang Eidelweiss, an old dressing room song?

Others attending were - Liz and Paul Megyessi, Briony Webber and Kev Horkan, Tony Amura, Kieran Brady, Pete Brown, Colin Brown and family, Mick Burke, Mick Collins, Pat Burke, Jim Burke (came from Liverpool), Franco Cornelli, Joe Davorn, Adie de Coursey, Paul Hixson, John Leathem and family, John McGuire, Gary McGuire, Spencer McGuire, Will Opong, Henry Pinsent, Colin Garvey, Connor Rooney, Tom Purcell (came from South Africa!), Paul Tehan, Brendan Williams and family, Richard Williams, Dan Condon, Derek Mensah, Joe Mansi, Vic Roszkowski, Mick Power, Rio Bogle, Scotty McDonald, Roy Hartnett, Matt Benedict, Ben Benedict, Andy McDonald, Richard Kettle, Matt Renton, James Clarke, James Brown, Jack Leathem, Seamus Burke, Chris Kavanagh and Paul Davis plus Jackie and her daughter behind the bar.

Thanks to Mick Power, Steve Parker, Lisa, and Jackie, who did all the work, and to Brendan Williams our favourite M.C.

*Colin Garvey*

**James Makepeace Chambers (Golden Boots):** Alto Saxophone, Faarnaphone and Clarinet.

He was born in fulfilment of an ancient prophecy by a traditional method handed down for generations in his family and educated at the Ministry Of Agriculture bugle-training school in Effingham. Whilst at the University of Sheffield (where he took degrees in water diving, medieval taxidermy and killing-from-a-great-distance) he played in several bands and took up the saxophone under the impression that it was a piano. To this period may be traced the some otherwise puzzling stylistic irregularities. Returning in great anguish of mind to London, he joined the staff of the Natural History Museum, where his days are spent in Victorian seclusion as a curator of little brown things. He is currently first saxophonist to the Vatican Library.

He has played with many famous groups, including Christopher Robbin's Tea-Room Boys (later Gomez Cooper's Chicago Gangsters) and the Benito Mussolini Brass Knuckle Band (later the New Society Dance Orchestra), with whom he was reed section leader and featured soloist.

With the Whoopee Band his engaging vibrato (Miss Nelly Styles) and his startling economy of technique have won him acclaim, no less admired is his saxophone playing, which has been described as 'luscious, rich and full bodied'. His famous golden boots are the result of many stimulating sessions with Pierre Cardin, the Clement Attlee of boot design. Jim is the author with that noted musical wrestler, Franklin J. Tomes, of the definitive work on the micro fauna of the human moustache, and is an accomplished thaumaturge and bio-mechanic."

Afficionados of Jim's humour can see him at singing and playing the saxophone at

40. A "rarity" the COXA wedding - nothing for years then two together; congratulations to Brian & Jackie and Matt & Rachel.

Ted Hayter tells me that he was privileged to attend the wedding of Jackie Hall and Brian Sanders on Saturday, 16th October. It was a lovely day, the bride wore a beautiful dress, Brian looked elegant beyond belief and Ted and Rudolf Massara sat through a very moving Nuptial Mass with lovely singing and a final kiss between Brian and the bride to see them on their way to the reception in the conservatory at the Horniman Museum. Excellent food, wine and speeches with a great deal of conviviality for many hours. Phil Leeder, Brian's brother was in good form as were Brian's four sons, who all went to Clapham College. Stephen had travelled from Canada, Andrew took the photographs, David provided the excellent wine and Phillip looked young, fit and ready to run another marathon. The happy couple began their married life waltzing in Vienna, Congratulations to them both.



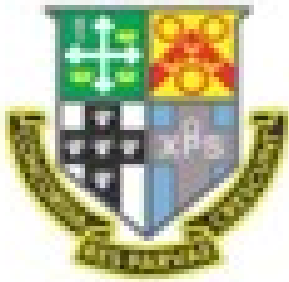
As the last issue of Clapper was sent out, Philip Barington was in Mexico City, waiting to see if his return flight to London would be held

up by the volcanic ash cloud. He had spent the 6 months travelling around Central America, re-visiting a lot of the old Mayan sites to see how much impact tourism has made over the last decade. The Starbucks now perched on top of the Jaguar Pyramid at Tikal, Guatemala suggested that the situation may be worse than he anticipated! He also stopped off at Utila island off the coast of Honduras, and qualified as a PADI Scuba DiveMaster but cannot adequately explain why when asked. However, he says it was enormous fun, so perhaps that will have to stand as the sole justification.

Congratulations to Matt Benedict who was married in Brooklyn Bridge Park at 2 pm on 11th September last year, The wedding reception was at Galapagos Art Space, and the lucky lady was Rachel Johnson.

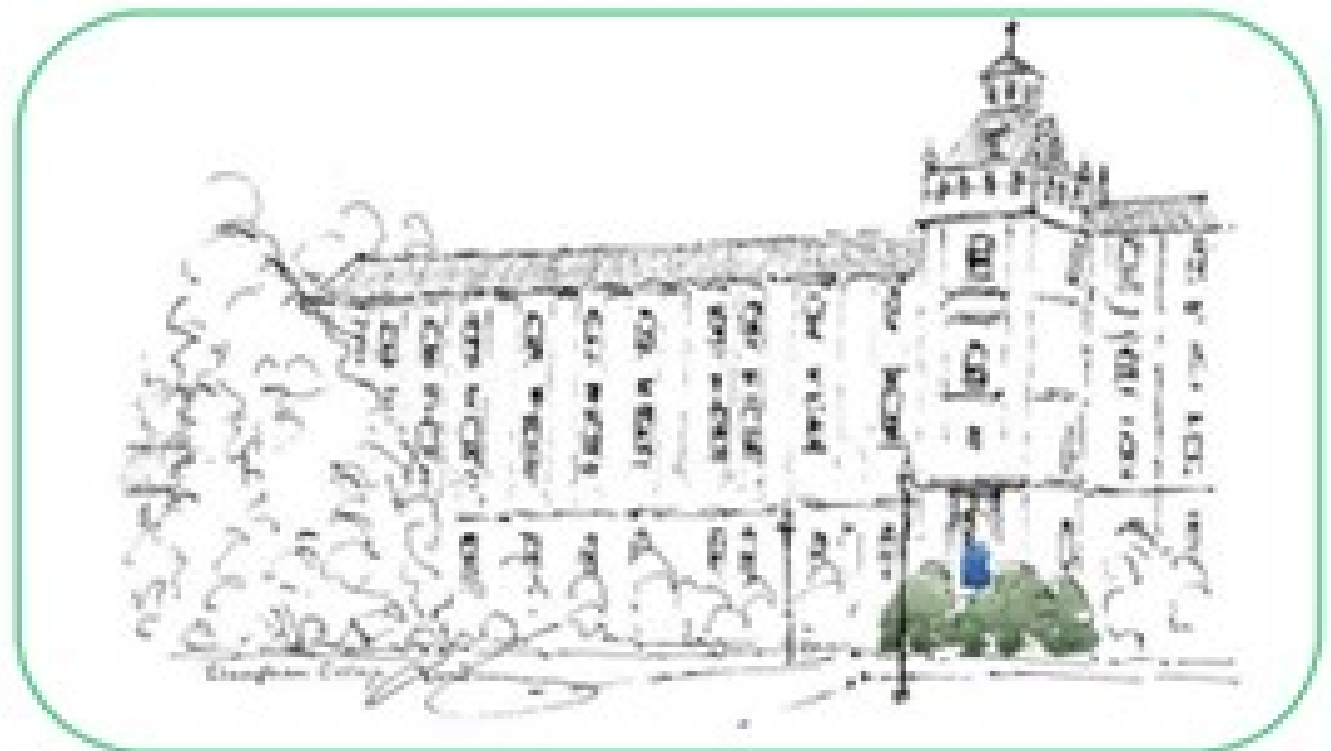


41. A classic Concordia cover, showing two beautiful prints we had commissioned for COXA “achievement” presentations .



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Yesterday once more..

42. 100 years since the Clapham Ramblers formed, the 21st century equivalent is launched



A sporting event, of some description. Look at that designer gear top brand sports ranges. Also it's "free", with good company & pubs for lunch



## 43. Clapham College and it's Catholic Tradition and Legacy



Clapham has always had a strong catholic commitment and Xaverians children and grandchildren have moved the religion forward in the 21st Century. The two “holy men” above **Rev Michael Creech**, recently deceased, great support of COXA and **Deacon Michal Carrucan** , [St Anslem's], roofer, centre midfield, charity marathon runner, have shared their lives with the Old Xaverians - we've all been blessed by them, they were always “local”.

A great Xaverian and Catholic event, the Mass, celebrating 100 years at Clapham with clergy who were all past pupils of Clapham College officiating.

Much later our own **Archbishop Peter Smith** [now RIP] would serve mass in the Chapel, when he stood with all his classmate, never dreaming he would return there to celebrative mass amongst his contemporaries as the Archbishop of Southwark. Stranger things happen with Clap-

### **MASS OF THANKSGIVING Clapham College 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.

## 44. A packed Chapel at Clapham for the return of our “own” Archbishop Peter Smith

### Remembrance Sunday - and The Somme ... & The Archbishop.....continued

We are of course talking Clapham College and Clapham Old Xaverians.... So nothing is 100% neat, tidy and concise. We happily nickname our seven fallen school chums at the Somme “The Magnificent Seven”.. But then came along the O’Leary family from Ireland last year, a visit to the Holy Ghost Balham, the “discovery” of the WWI memorial plaque at the back of the church... further research .. another dozen, previously “uncatalogued” Xaverians from WWI and another name at Thiepval - namely Walter Sydney John Stevens.

Walter lived at number 7 Clapham Mansions [the building to the right at the front of the College [no days “bunking off” for him!]. He was born on 13th June 1885 and joined Clapham College as a 16-year-old in 1901. He joined the “Loyal” North Lancashire Regiment, 11th Battalion, and was promoted to an Officer [2nd Lieutenant]. Walter was “Killed in Action” on 7th July 1916, on that tragic first week at the battle for the Somme. He too is commemorated at Thiepval, as he was another of the unrecovered fallen from those first few weeks on the Somme [as were all the COXA Lads]. I doubt whether they knew this, but four of our Thiepval eight were at the College together, at the same time, who could have imagined how their futures would pan out, how their lives would have been remembered, for what - and where! So as recognition of Walter finally joining his classmates from Clapham, and being honoured by this Association, I visited his grave this summer, said a prayer and left a memento from the Xaverians - [whether Walter would have appreciated the COXA “bow-tie” we shall never know....] but it is all that I had with me on my family holiday to Italy... just why I had it, is another totally different tale! Hopefully as a Clapham Old Xaverian, Walter would have seen the “funny side” - RIP Walter .....Scotty



### A packed Chapel again please to welcome “our” Archbishop [Peter] on Sunday 13th November .....



Peter was at Clapham from 1955 to 1961 - he got a prize for “Best Effort” in the 3rd Year & the English Prize in his 5th Year in 1960 ... bet those two are ferreted away in a safe place!

Archbishop Peter Smith was born in Battersea on 21st October 1943. He completed his secondary education at Clapham College and gained his degree (LLB) from Exeter University in 1966. He studied for the priesthood at St John’s Seminary, Wonersh, and was ordained Priest on 5th July 1972. He was appointed as Bishop of East Anglia in 1995 and Archbishop of Cardiff in 2001. On 30th April 2010, the Holy Father announced that he would succeed Archbishop Kevin McDonald as the tenth Archbishop of Southwark. Archbishop Peter is Vice-President of the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales. Since 1998, he has been Chairman of the Department of Christian Responsibility and Citizenship. His previous responsibilities have been as Chairman of the Catholic Truth Society (1993 - 2007) and Chairman of the Central Religious Advisory Committee (CRAC) of the BBC and ITC (2001 - 2004). He was appointed Sub-Prelate and Chaplain of the Order of St John of Jerusalem in 2002. He has been awarded Honorary Fellowships at St Edmund’s College Cambridge (1997), the University of Wales, Lampeter (2004) & Cardiff University (2006).

45. The best event we do as Xaverians The Remembrance Mass in the College Chapel



# 46 A 21st Century Innovation - the Rolls of Honour on the Chapel Wall



John Pettley proudly stands next to the memorial to relation **Lee O'Callaghan**. The latest in a long line of Xaverians who gave their life for the love of their country + RIP +

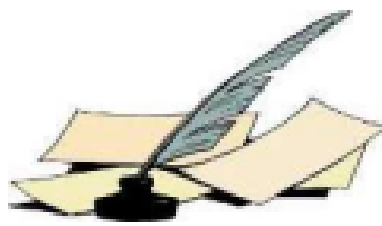


The Honour Boards in the Chapel, a testimony to the bravery of the young men of Clapham College who made the ultimate sacrifice. We in turn honour their names, we pray for them at the Remembrance Mass and visit them in the Battlefields of the Somme and Ypres...they will always be remembered....lives cut short to safeguard & improve ours.



## 47 Personalia - always one of our favourite bits of Concordia what are Clapham Xaverian "up to"?

### Personalia – Old Boys "Doings"



In old Concordias, rather than "Personalia" they reported the activities of COXA under the title "Old Boys Doings" (I like that). Also to help our "Records" could every correspondent add their Name, Date at Clapham whether you were at the College, SFX, or joined COXA for Football Cricket [or Social]. For those joining us after we went "open" add your secondary School and dates it all helps "Identify" you to others and builds up our Database. For those who were at the College your House and Class too. **Eddie O'Brien** promised me Personalia - never thought that whilst waiting for his flight to Portugal at Gatwick he'd contact me to say he bumped into **Brendan Costello**, who was off to Orlando with his family. Brendan was in the Clapham College 1st XI side that shared the English School's National Trophy in 1981. He also played for the Old Boys. Brendan now works at Greenwich Council as an auditor and has met with **Joe Williams** who is also employed by the council. He is still in contact with **Tony Jiminez**. He enquired about Vets football so he may well be worth a call by the football section, you never know Tony may be persuaded although Tony spends much of his time travelling on business.



What are our old classmates and teachers up to? What's he up to? **Cecil Pocock**, teacher extraordinaire, Headmaster, Traveller, socialite [not "list" - never!] Magistrate, Tory, Mayor and Camper. Getting old gracefully in Chiswick

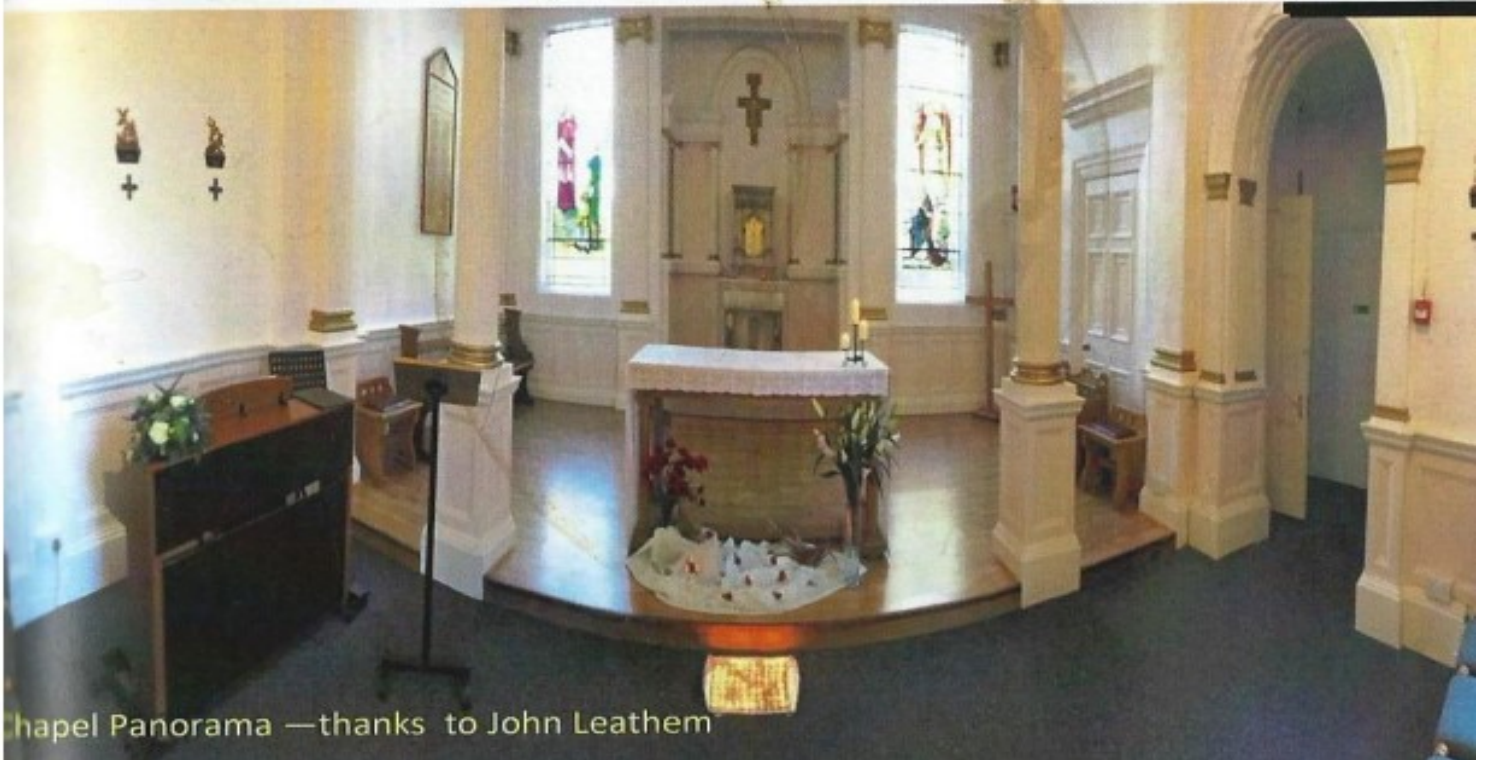
48. In 2014, COXA Produced a £50 Bond [worth nothing] and a letter of thanks from SFX to dozens of Clapham Xaverians who contributed to the redecoration of the College Chapel in the “Italian Style” loved by Stella Flannery, the Principal. Looked impressive then and still does now. Led to a beautiful Spring 2004 cover for Concordia’



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Chapel Panorama —thanks to John Leathem



# 49. 2013 - The COXA "Database" starts being collated

## Clapham College Class Registers 1930 to 1985



Clapham College Summer 2013 – little change to the scene for those who went there.

## Coxa Legacy – Record Database 2013 Why and How has this evolved?

**Where to Start?** – well this history of this is that carried out the same process at my school, St Thomas the Apostle when we knew were we moving to smaller premises and that our files could not be retained. As Deputy Head, I had the position and resources to follow this through. The new school is now built – I've retired – and the Records/Legacy is available "electronically". At the 2012 Chairman's Lunch, it was clear that there was a need for a similar task to be carried out for the Old boys. There was a huge 2thirst" for Memorabilia, Personalia and photographs and documents from the past of Clapham College and the Old Xaverians. With the experience I had over the previous two years I felt I could help.

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What an individual page looks like in the COXA Database - there are 600 of these, 500 "are still alive"; of these 360 are Members, 300 plus are life members

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## 50. The very last names I could find who joined Clapham College Old Boys

Adamson Steve	2nd XI		Cricketer	Captain 2002	
Adeomi Peter	5th XI		Football		
Allen James	2nd XI		Football	Hat-trick & a "SIX" in 2002	
Allison Rory	5th XI		Football		
Amura Dominic	Sunday		Cricketer	Heavy run scorer 2000	
Amura Gerard	Sunday		Cricketer	Heavy run scorer 2000	
Annison Will	1st XI		Football	3rd XI Captain 2002	Full Back
Barley Andrew	1st XI		Cricketer	A 86 n.o. & six hitting 2000	
Barnes Danny	1st XI		Cricketer	Spin Bowler 2002	
Bartley Andy	1st XI		Cricketer	Bowler	
Benedict Joe	1st XI	own Construction Company	Cricketer	Son of Bene Benedict	
Benedict Matt	1st XI	Policeman	Cricketer	Son of Bene Benedict	140 n.o. v Claygate
Benedict Tom	1st XI	St Joseph's B.H.	Football	Centre back	cricketer
Brady Kieron	Sunday		Cricketer	great fielder	
<b>Brennan Sean</b>		Teacher at Clapham			
Brannon Andy	3rd XI		Football		
Burrows Clyson	5th XI		Football	Top Scorer 2002	
Cefai Matt	1st XI		Football	[son of Serge]	
Chotai Sunil	2nd XI	Maiden hundred v Croydon Gas	Cricketer	Scored 367 runs 2002	[also 20 wickets]
Clarke James	2nd XI		Cricketer		
Clarke Ray	Sunday		Cricketer	Heavy run scorer 2000	
Condon Dan	4th XI		Football	Captain & Tourist	
Corneli Franco	5th XI		Football		
da Silva Robin	1st XI		Cricketer	"Six" hitting in 2000	
Daramie Soulay	1st XI		Football		
Debman Paul	2nd XI		Football	Goalie	
DeCoursey Ade	3rd XI		Football	Captain	
Donald Andrew			Football	2003 Player of the Year	
Donald Martin	1st XI		Football		
Donaldson Phil	3rd XI		Football	hat-trick in 10 mins	
Duffy Steve	1st XI		Football		
Dyne James	2nd XI		Football	Goalie	
Eaton Dean	1st XI		Football		
Farrell Lee	5th XI		Football		
Faulkner Dave	3rd XI		Football		
Feheely Andy	5th XI		Football	Team Secretary	
Friend Robert	2nd XI		Football		
Garvey Michael	1st XI		Football	[son of Colin] -	Football Sec.
Gladding Dan	1st XI		Football		
Gordan Steve	1st XI	Oxford University	Football	Captain 2002	Right Midfield
Hamilton Paul	1st XI		Football		
Hegarty Neill	1st XI		Football	brother Paul	Midfield
Hegarty Paul	2nd XI		Football	brother Neill	
Henderson Andy	2nd XI		Cricketer		
Horkan Kevin	1st XI		Cricketer	Bowler - 26 wickets 2002	
<b>Hudson Graham</b>		Captain 5th / 6th XI	Cricketer	Teacher	
Jones Chris	2nd XI		Cricketer	Bridge	
Knight Gary		Cricket scored 100 for COXA		STAC	
Labor Chinua	1st XI		Football	Young Player/Year 2002	Centre back
Lansiquot Richard	1st XI	Dep Head - Sacred Heart.	Cricketer	STAC Footballer	Cricket Sec. 1st XI
Locke Danny	3rd XI		Football	Vice Captain	
MacDonald Andy	3rd XI		Football		
Mackintosh Richard	1st XI	1st XI Captain	Cricketer	Scored "50" 2002	

## 51. More Clapham Old Xaverians who never went to the College

Mansi Joseph	2nd XI	Cricket 2002 [297 runs] 27 wkts	Football	Clapper/Football Sec.
Maslona Tom	1st XI		Cricketer	
McCarthy Gordon	3rd XI		Football	
McDowell Pat	1st XI		Football	
McGuire Gary	1st XI		Referee	Football Sec. Committee
McGuire Spencer	1st XI	Lister Wood [Solicitor]	Football	1st XI Captain
McPherson Alex	1st XI		Football	
Mensah Derek	3rd XI		Football	
Moss Andy	2nd XI		Football	
Myatt Lev		COXA footballer		
Nix David	1st XI		Football	COXA Treasurer
Ohene Ronald	2nd XI		Football	
O'Sullivan [Webber] Bri-		Social Sec. in 2000	Supporter	
Pagett Steve	3rd XI		Football	
Pearce Clive	5th XI		Football	
Pettley John	3rd XI		Tourist	COXA Sec 2004
Pierce Clive	5th XI		Football	
Quinn Jason	3rd XI		Football	
Quinn Michael	2nd XI		Football	
Rooney Richard	1st XI		Football	
Skeet Nigel	3rd XI		Football	
Skinner Jerry	5th XI		Football	
Smith Andy	2nd XI		Cricketer	
Smith Paul	2nd XI		Cricketer	
Stephens Pete	1st XI	Lived Amsterdam	Football	
Stoddard Bob	2nd XI		Cricketer	[Average over 30]
Stoddard Matthew	2nd XI		Cricketer	
Timson Mick	3rd XI		Football	
Tope Luke	2nd XI		Football	
Tynan Kevin	Sunday		Cricketer	
Williams Richard	Sunday		Cricketer	
Wogon Dan	2nd XI		Football	
Wright Ashleigh	2nd XI		Football	
Yates Jeff	3rd XI		Football	
Young Steve	1st XI		Cricketer	

Apologies if the previous two pages make no sense at all to most Clapham Xaverians, but these were the names added to the ranks when the College shut down and we became an “open club”. Makes them no less Xaverians than many of those who went to school there and never returned. Many of these were loyal to COXA for many decades and the Association might truly have died in those early days of the 2000s without their memberships and participa-

## 52. The COXA Vets and Super Vets Teams move from “friendlies” to a League Team in the 21st Century



THE VETS – WINNERS

### COXA Vets 7 – COXA Super Vets 0

Rolling back the years...and for some it was a long way to roll! With the average ages of 36 for the Vets and 53 for the Super Vets it was always going to be a tall ask, but hey...no excuses. The true result was that everyone who was there thoroughly enjoyed playing football with their mates at Norbury and for some that was over 20 years ago. From a few over stretched muscles and the realisation that the body just won't do everything you expect it to anymore, everyone walked off the pitch with their heads held high.

VETS: A MacPherson, J McTavish, B Welch, D Halpenny, M Garvey (c), M Gorman, M Murphy, L Roszkowski, R Rooney, E McCarthy, T Whelan, C Rooney, J Austin, P O'Sullivan. SUPER VETS: F Barretta, J Davorn, R Hartnett, J McGowan, J Leathem (c), S McGuire, J Williams, P Williams, B Williams, C Brown, S Cefai, T McLoughlin, M McLoughlin, B O'Neil, F Cornelli, P Davis.



COXA "Super Vets" - NOT REALLY a photograph to  
"TURN THE LADIES HEADS" – BUT NOT A BAD LOOKING XAVERIAN "FOOTBALLING" TEAM

## 53. COXA Football - 21st Century - we move from "nine" teams to one



The Winners – Clapham O.X. 4<sup>th</sup> XI

By Michael Garvey, May 2013

**Football Report 2012/2013** - Back to the summer of 2012, as a football club we saw more change than usual and as a result we expected a tough season. But despite our planning to protect us against decay, the truth is we've spent the final few months of the season just trying to survive.

We had to replace the irreplaceable in the form of Eddie O'Brien as Fixture Secretary (a position he'd held since 1978) - Johnny Marr stepping into this unenviable task. We also lost the indefatigable Paul Bailey as Treasurer, replaced by Nick Armitage aka Giggsey. And we had to lose a side before the season began as Beau Reece couldn't raise a 5th XI.

It is fair to say our club's on pitch performance was mixed. After an awful start to the season (lost their first seven games) our 4th XI made some changes to the squad fuelling a spectacular recovery losing just one game from mid-November to end of April. This winning streak culminated in clinching the LOB Olympian Cup in a thrilling final, cheered on by a good few Old Boys.

The 3rd XI won their first few games but then lost some players once the atrocious winter weather began disrupting fixtures in mid-November. Their division (3 South) was too high for a club of our resources and they did well to be so competitive.

When it comes to the social side of our club, we know there is room for collective improvement. But the shining light here is the 2nd XI...who've single handedly kept our Norbury bar propped up after games as they socialised together, with oppo and refs! Not just a sociable bunch but competitive on the pitch too. Led well by experienced manager Matt Benedict, we'd hope to lift and shift some of these attributes right across the club from next season...

The 400 Club now ably managed by Aidan Coletta. We moved from a **100 Club** to a **400 Club** in the 21st Century. Should really be a **800 Club** - contact Aidan for tickets **only £12 a year**



### 400 Club



2021 Winners	
Jan	Tony Cleather £1,000
Feb	Eamon Kearns £100
Mar	Kevin Horkan £100
Apr	Frank Barretta £100
May	Mike O'Brien £100
Jun	Ted Hayter £100
Jul	Vic Roszkowski £100
Aug	Brien Sanders £100
Sep	Ben Benedict £100
Oct	Mick Duffy £100
Nov	Scotty Macdonald £100
Dec	Kevin Howard £100
Jan	David Sanders £1,000

If you think some of that £3,100 from those "draws" could be a holiday [or new suit] for you, why not join the 400 Club -

Could I suggest to "readers" that they buy two tickets a month for a yearly cost of £24 [or more?]  
Asking your bank to pay £2 on the first day of each month to

Clapham Old Xaverian Asso. Sport and Social Club

Sort Code 090155 Account number. 83056903

## **O**bituaries – Remember in your Prayers - our deceased Classmates and Friends

**Andy Anderson, Brian McDermott, Tony Sowersby, Pierre Ithabure, Gerrard Burgess, Tony Pink, Martyn Simmonds, Gerald Tierney, Albert Markham and Alan Kelly**

### **GERALD TIERNEY**

Gerry was an Islington boy who started at Clapham in 1954.

Although neither a scholar nor a sportsman Gerry was popular throughout his time at Clapham and this popularity was due largely to his unflinching good humour.

I know no details of the time and cause of his death, perhaps Dave Cheney, if he reads this, could supply more background.

### **ALBERT MARKHAM**

Albert was a Walworth boy who joined Clapham College from English Martyrs' Primary School.

He was a combative boy who, whilst at English Martyrs, was a regular in the football team and, in his last year there, 1954, was one of four boys selected to represent the school in the South London Primary Schools ABA Championships. (I was another but the least said about that...) Albert, always two-fisted (as I can testify), fought his way to the Final where he was narrowly defeated. At Clapham Albert shone as a footballer, an automatic choice at right-half (remember that) for the school team. It was on attempting to find Albert, with a view to a re-union of EM & Clapham, that we learned, from his widow, of Albert's death which happened 4 years ago. He is sadly missed, especially by John Quirk, Steve Bradford, Lorcan Farrelly and me.

**Peter Smith,**  
Archbishop  
and 40-a-  
day man.  
A proper  
Clapham  
Old Xaveri-  
an sadly RIP.  
Sorely  
missed.





## 55. COXA Charitable gifts -we helped various groups. Then there's the PIGEONS

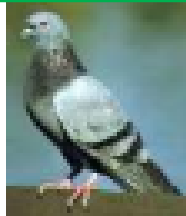


### Youth Crime Fighter, Soweto, South Africa, an appeal from Brendan Williams

As you can see from the photo their kit is a bit haphazard with many of the boys not even having trainers let alone football boots. I am asking COXA for two things. Firstly they would be pleased to receive any kit that is no longer of use to COXA for them to use as training kit. Secondly I would like to apply to the COXA Committee to make a donation to fund some strips and some boots for the lads for when they are in competition play. A full strip here costs 4000 rand and boots can be had for around 200 rand per pair so around 7000 rand per 15 boy team. Before you panic that is around £450 per team. They run 4 teams so £2000 would see them right for years. Any donation would be matched though a connection I have at Standard Bank **£1000 would satisfy their needs.** I appreciate £1000 seems a lot because it is, but my heart goes out to these kids, they live in shacks in an unofficial settlement, no running water, occasional electricity, no sanitation, I didn't really get it until I came over. I mentioned COXA and they said that anything you could do would be appreciated. Any old kit no matter how big would be used to the full, old tour shirts I think would be hilarious.

### 2013 Bob Morris and the COXA Pigeon Club Norbury

#### The Pigeon Club

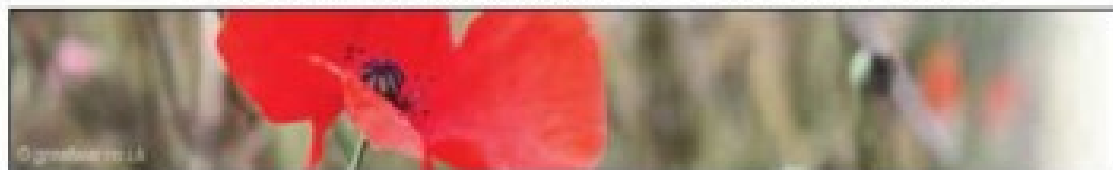


- OK Bob?

Let's not forget COXA Badges, Caps, Ties and Scarves. Will we still be carrying stock in 2050? If you don't have some/any make a bid, we'll post them on!

## 56. COXA Battlefield Tours to Belgium and France started in 2013

### COXA visit to Ypres October 2013



On Saturday October 5th, forty Old Xaverians gathered at Purley Station at 8 am, to begin our day trip to Ypres. The first thing that struck me was that, although it was great to be with our old friends again, this was not going to be a beano, or a booze cruise. On that day, we were Old Xaverians, not Clapham Boys. However, memories of those happy days at Clapham came in the first 5 minutes. Mick McLoughlin, the tour organiser, called the register at 8 o'clock..... " O' Brien, yes, Leathem, yes, Norton yes.. ". Mick Barker had brought his son, Alex, so Mick McLoughlin called out "The Barkers" - to which 38 voices called out " woof woof." .... old habits die hard.

An hour in the [now!] lovely town of Ypres gave us a chance to have lunch and a beer - it was great to see the way the Old Xaverians mixed, whatever decade they went to Clapham. The next cemetery was Tyne Cot, impressive, suffice to say that it contains 47,000 graves.

It is hard for us today to comprehend the scale of suffering and death in those battles. The 3 cemeteries we visited gave us a clue.. In the first, Lijssenthoek - not big by the standards of Ypres - we saw row upon row of immaculately kept graves. We sought out, and found, thanks to Scotty's research, the grave of Old Xaverian, Ken Cummings, who died in July 1918. We laid a wreath on the grave, and had a minute's silence.

The second cemetery, Brandhoek Military Cemetery, near ...Clayton was smaller, but contained the grave of Captain Noel Chavasse of the Royal Army Medical Corps - work that saw him gain the Victoria Cross for rescuing wounded soldiers under fire. He did the same the next year; he was awarded the VC a 2nd time, this time posthumously, a world we can't comprehend.

We then moved back to Ypres, to be present at the daily service of Remembrance, and the Last Post at 8pm at the Menin Gate. It was a sombre but impressive service, made the more memorable, by three Old Xaverians laying a wreath. The Menin Gate is huge, a whole generation gone.. ?

We were thankful to Mick McLoughlin for organising the trip. We were in sombre mood. As Frank Barretta says on the Website - " It was a humbling experience" I think at the back of all our minds is - what can we do next year, to mark 100 years since the Great War began?..... Colin Garvey

**THE XAVERIANS THAT REPRESENTED THE OLD BOYS IN BELGIUM on that memorable day:-**  
MICK MCLOUGHLIN, TOM MCLOUGHLIN, DAVE & LYNN LEATHERM, EDDIE O'BRIEN, JOHN NORTON, MARTIN FARRELL, CHRIS MCFADDEN, FRANK BARRETTA, MARTIN MCGARTH, KEVIN WILLIAMSON, TONY O'FLYNN, & SON TONY, SCOTTY McDONALD, PAUL HIXSON, KEVIN BOND, PAUL TEHAN, TONY GRIFFIN, RICHARD HARRIS, MARK ADAMS, ROY HARTNETT, PAUL WEST, MICK BURKE, COLIN GARVEY, KEVIN BARNAVILLE, DAVID NATHAN, PETER WILLS, LORCAN FARRELLY, SHARON MANNELL, LYNNE CONWAY, JOHN WESTRUPP, SEAMUS BURKE, JOHN HICKEY, HARRY MELLOR, TOM JUDGE, CLIFF DARBY, MICHAEL & ALEX BARKER, LYDIA EARP, MARK SALTER.

COXA left Purley early on the Saturday morning. Following on from Scotty's tireless research our first stop in Belgium was to the Lijssenthoek Military Cem, the grave of Private K G Cummings 1898-1918. Kenneth Cummings of Lambert Rd, Brixton attended Clapham College from 1909; he was killed in action at Ypres in the last days of the war in 1918. We gathered around his grave and laid a wreath at the foot of his headstone. It was a very humbling moment.

Scotty Macdonald's later comment really summed up the emotion... Can't imagine that this young man who was killed in action nearly 100 years ago would have imagined that 40 "others" with a connection to the College would search him out and lay a wreath in his honour.

There have been eight trips over the past decade. 100 different Xaverians have joined us; always with a visit to a "fallen Xaverian[s]". Some Old Boys have been on them all. An solemn, thoughtful and uplifting pilgrimage.

Ypres / Dunkirk 2017



Some great memories of the COXA Trip to Dunkirk and Ypres last May. The wreath was laid at the grave of "Seb" Page-Green [COXA] who won the Military Cross. Below are two photos which commemorate the football matches played in "No Mans Land" during the Christmas Truce. The monument has a football as part of the structure and every year hundreds of footballs are left to this remember this unique event. Football - the "universal language".



## 58. Xaverians Honoured by Battlefield visits in recent years



Private Thomas Russell - Clapham College pupil, died and buried near Calais, about 100 miles from London. Possibly died and laid to rest closer to the College than many of his school mates who never went to War.

John Jackson, machine-gunner, mentioned in dispatches, died of his wounds



John Jackson.

**JACKSON, JOHN**, Private, 168th Brigade, Machine Gun Corps, 6th s. of the late John Jackson, by his wife, Jane (11, Offerton Road, Clapham, S.W.); b. Clapham, London, S.W., 19 Dec. 1891; educ. Xaverian College there; was employed in a City office; joined the London Scottish 31 Aug. 1914; served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders from 5 March, 1915, transferring to the Machine Gun Corps in 1916, and died 16 Aug. 1917, from wounds received that day in action at Hooge. Buried in Perth Cemetery, on the Ypres-Menin Road. He was just coming to England to take his commission. His Section Officer wrote that he was a good soldier and a great loss to the company, and his friend who was with him when he fell said he was brave to the last.

**JACKSON, L.**, Private, No. 7368, 2nd Batta. The Worcester-shire Regt; served with the Expeditionary Force in France; died of wounds 4 Nov. 1914.

## 59. COXA Wreath laid at the Menin Gate



COXAs love affair with Ypres goes back a long way, from the early days of Battlefield Tours when we were just finding our feet to the 2034 return. Proud moments above from Messrs Garvey, Brown and Williams [Mrs] at the Menin Gate to Colin, Aidan and myself at the Rowland Bourse VC Exhibition in the Town Hall at Ypres.

## 60. Rowland Bourke V.C. the most famous Xaverian of them all

### Lieutenant Commander Rowland Bourke - "Victoria Cross", DSO, RNVR." Also awarded Chevalier of Legion of Honour by the French President

Rowland Bourke was born in England in 1885, his family lived in Rowleigh Mansions in S.W.12. Rowland was at Clapham College from 1899 to 1903 and left Clapham when his family emigrated to Nelson in Canada to take up fruit farming in 1905. At the outbreak of World War One Rowland volunteered to enlist in the Canadian military. He was rejected by all three arms of service due to poor eyesight. Undeterred by these setbacks he sailed back to England, at his own expense, where he successfully joined the Royal Naval Reserve serving on Motor Launches.

The quiet apple farmer was made a Lieutenant and given command of a motor launch after just a month of training. The 25-metre launches – fast twin-engine boats based on an American yacht design – were tasked with coastal patrols. But in April 1918, the Royal Navy called for volunteer crews to take part in a daring raid on the Belgian ports of Zeebrugge and Ostend, heavily-defended U-boat pens. The plan included blocking sea access to the German-held ports with obsolete British cruisers. The role of the motor launches was to evacuate the block ships' crews once they had been disabled and sunk.



Rowland volunteered his launch, but was turned down again because of his poor eyesight. He persisted in offering his boat for service and called as a standby for the raid on 23rd April 1918. During the raid Rowland's launch was off the port of Zeebrugge, not involved in the action, but when another launch was disabled by German gunfire, Rowland propelled his boat steamed into the harbour, they pulled 38 survivors from the sinking HMS *Britant* and then towed the disabled launch to safety. For this action, Bourke was awarded the Distinguished Service Order (DSO), for meritorious or distinguished service this was awarded to officers to recognise their courage, during Wartime.

It was during the second engagement on Ostend three weeks later that Bourke not only earned his Victoria Cross – the highest award in Commonwealth countries for military valour in face of the enemy, but in the words of the raid commander, Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, distinguished himself as "the bravest of all holders of the Victoria Cross".

Not a bad outcome for a short-ish lad from Clapham, South London with very poor eyesight!

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## 61. More Personalia - and our Website

### PERSONALIA

In July, **Paul Meggyesi** (1983) married **Elizabeth Rowe** in the Wedding of the Year in Putney. Elizabeth, of course, is the daughter of Sheila Rowe, our COXA secretary, and the late Derek Rowe, who ran the Football Section for so many years. It was fitting that during the service, and afterwards at the reception, several generous tributes were paid to Derek.

Paul's best men were his brother, **Joe** (1981) and **John McCarthy** (1983). Indeed, there were many Old Xaverians present - **Mick O'Sullivan** and his wife **Briony** (daughter of Alan and Di Webber), **Anton Krause**, **John Cronin** and **Mick Burke**. Mick is the brother of Pat (1973), John (1974) and Jimmy "the Jug", who has just become a father. **Andy Lattimore**, also from Paul's year, was present - his tackles are still remembered in the Old Boys' League, especially by Old Addeyans, who could only draw 1 - 1 with Scotty McDonald's 5th XI, which only had 8 men: Addeyans left straight after the game, and they were at home!

### Website News – who would have thought the website would become this popular?

All statistics are between 1st January 2014 and 31st March 2014

Total number of visits 11,157 [Unique visitors 8,933]

Returning regular visitors 2,242 (747 per month, 186 per week) Total pages viewed 26,662

Average number of pages viewed per visit 2.39 Average. visit duration 00:01:36 Minutes

Most views per country (Top Ten)

1. United Kingdom	10,599	95.00%
2. United States	98	0.88%
3. Brazil	86	0.77%
4. Spain	52	0.47%
5. Australia	39	0.35%
6. Gabon	36	0.32%
7. Germany	35	0.31%
8. France	35	0.31%
9. Ireland	24	0.22%
10. Colombia	12	0.11%

There are currently 281 Members/Supporters registered on the website. Now considering that we print and send out just under 400 copies on 'Concordia' each issue and that there were over 60 new attendees of the 230 that came along to the Chairman's Lunch this year, that means there is still a large number of you who haven't signed up to site. Give it a go, it's free to do and will give you access a wealth of information about the Clapham Old Xaverian Association as well as Clapham College.

## 62. 2013 The COXA Golf Tournament - a popular annual

### Golf Day 2013



[from COXA Website]



This year 33 Old Boys and their guests took part in the COXA Golf day on Friday the 21st June at Surrey Downs Golf Club. Well done to everyone who took part and to those who just popped in to catch up with friends, sitting in the sunshine at the end of the day for a quick beer!

Many congratulations go to Old Boys David Rowles who won the Stan Miller Memorial Trophy with a Stapleford points score of 38 and Frank Ryan who won the Eamonn Taggart Trophy for Nearest the Pin.

Also, congratulations to both our guests who each walked away with guest prizes of a bottle of Moët - Ron Goodwin for scoring the highest guest points score of 38 and to Bob McGill, nearest the pin.

#### The final positions (Stapleford points and Count back)

38 points - David Rowles; Ron Goodwin (G)

37 points - John McGuire

35 points - Thomas Proxa; Lawrence Mullane; Phil Roderick-Jones

33 points - Jeff Simmons (G) Peter Keenan

32 points - Paul Hixson; Bob McGill (G); John Flynn

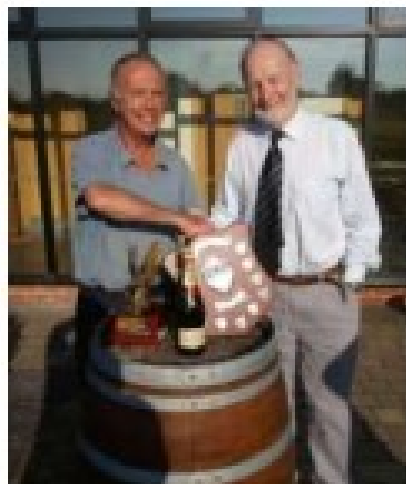
31 points - Andy McDonald; Mark Roszkowski; Derek Rowlands (G)

30 points - Gerard Taggart

29 points - Aidan Coletta; Frank Ryan; Jim McQueeney

28 points - Brendan Walsh; Mick Powell

26 points - Frank Barretta; David Leatham







## COXA's First V.P. / V.I.P. Lunch October 2015

There to watch the COXA 1st XI v Shene OG we were royally entertained with a great game of football, preceded by a lunch with good friends!

**Quotes from the day:** Colin Garvey, "...a splendid day yesterday. Unbelievable fun. Also I think COXA should be proud of The 1st X1 football team. Brilliant. Can't believe we were that fast or that skillful". Eddie O'Brien summed up the day perfectly....."What a great day, the company, the guests, the opposition, the 1st XI display, the weather, the beer, the food, the wine and port, Percy and Boris, generosity of spirit, Jimmy Burke unable to walk and I probably missed loads more".

**From the 1st XI ref on Saturday who travelled all the way from Loughton, Essex:....**"Best hospitality I've ever received. Great atmosphere, great food, great company. Brilliant all round, I was made to feel 110% welcome".

**From our Shene OG guests on the day:....**"On behalf of David and myself, a belated thank you for your magnificent hospitality on Saturday. Great company and curry but don't think we will be attempting to repeat the alliteration joke any time soon".



The "best" the Clubhouse have ever looked—eat your

64. The most well-known Clapham Old Xaverian, Sir Michael Wilshaw, Ofsted Chief, seen by many teachers seen as the most unpopular Education Leader - big fan of Cecil Roock

THE  TIMES

## Teachers, look away now



Sir Michael Wilshaw, photographed at Honeywell Infants School, London, in August Jude Edginton

Ann Treneman

Published at 4:28PM, September 22 2012

## Work harder, dress smarter, be a surrogate parent and don't moan... How Ofsted chief Sir Michael Wilshaw is shaking up our schools

Sir Michael Wilshaw was already well on the way to becoming a hate figure for teachers and, after this interview, he may have clinched that. For, in the nine months since becoming head of Ofsted, he has made some pronouncements that seem tailor-made to enrage teachers. Until I met him, I wondered if these had been hyped up by the news. But now I know that Sir Michael does not need hyping. He's a one-man teacher outrage machine.

So, if you are a teacher, maybe you should look away now. If you are a head, prepare to be challenged. But, if you happen to be Michael Gove, the Education

# Kent's Queen's birthday honours list 2017

Published: 22:55, 16 June 2017

Mike Fitzgerald MBE for services to the homeless and the community Maidstone.

He has become a well-known face in the town's community as a member of many organisations, including his local branch of the Royal British Legion and Chart Sutton Parish Council.

He also previously served as the chairman of Maidstone Homeless Care and as mayor of Maidstone.

Speaking about being given this honour, the Chart Sutton resident admitted he was shocked when he got the letter.

"I was totally stunned when I saw the letter, I knew nothing about it at all," he said.

"Obviously I want to say a massive thanks to the people who nominated me and took the time to consider me. I spent a long time with Homeless Care but stepped down some 18 months ago, and I still work with them and do what I can to support them. I have always had a passion about supporting people who are less well off, and I do believe you can have vision and you can make change, and it doesn't always have to break the bank."



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Civil Division

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St. James's Palace, London SW1

17 June 2017

THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the occasion of the Celebration of Her Majesty's Birthday, to give orders for the following promotions in, and appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:

M.B.E.

*To be Ordinary Members of the Civil Division of the said Most Excellent Order:*

**Michael FITZGERALD**

## 66. Concordia front cover 2015 - Cecil Pocock & COXA Cricket

Autumn 2015 - Number 7



Cecil has made more front pages than most; my sums says -2023 he must be 95 a ripe old age



2015 COXA Cricket was still going strong, today Clapham does not have a Cricket Section



**Stella Flannery is leaving her position as Principal SFX - a true friend of the Xaverians**



**She's leaving!**

We'll have a chance to say "goodbye" to Stella soon (hopefully) and at the 2021 Chairman's Lunch

Stella Flannery has now left SFX—she was a key element in our relationship with the College, in fact all the Principals at SFX have been always sympathetic

## 68. Alan and Frank Norbury groundsmen at the turn of the Century

The sequence of photos below were taken at Norbury in the Winter of 1981. I wanted to add them in this Concordia as a lasting tribute to Frank Barneffa and Alan Webber - who for a decade kept the pitch and "that" tractor alive [in their spare time]. It's a miracle their marriages survived! There would not be a COXA Football Section or Clubhouse/Bar, if it hadn't been for the sterling work of these two Old Xaverians. Possibly those who do not know them can understand the special position many of us hold for this pair. Frank is still working in the Music Recording Industry [also our Webmaster] Alan has retired to Lancing [70 THIS YEAR] - thanks again Scotty

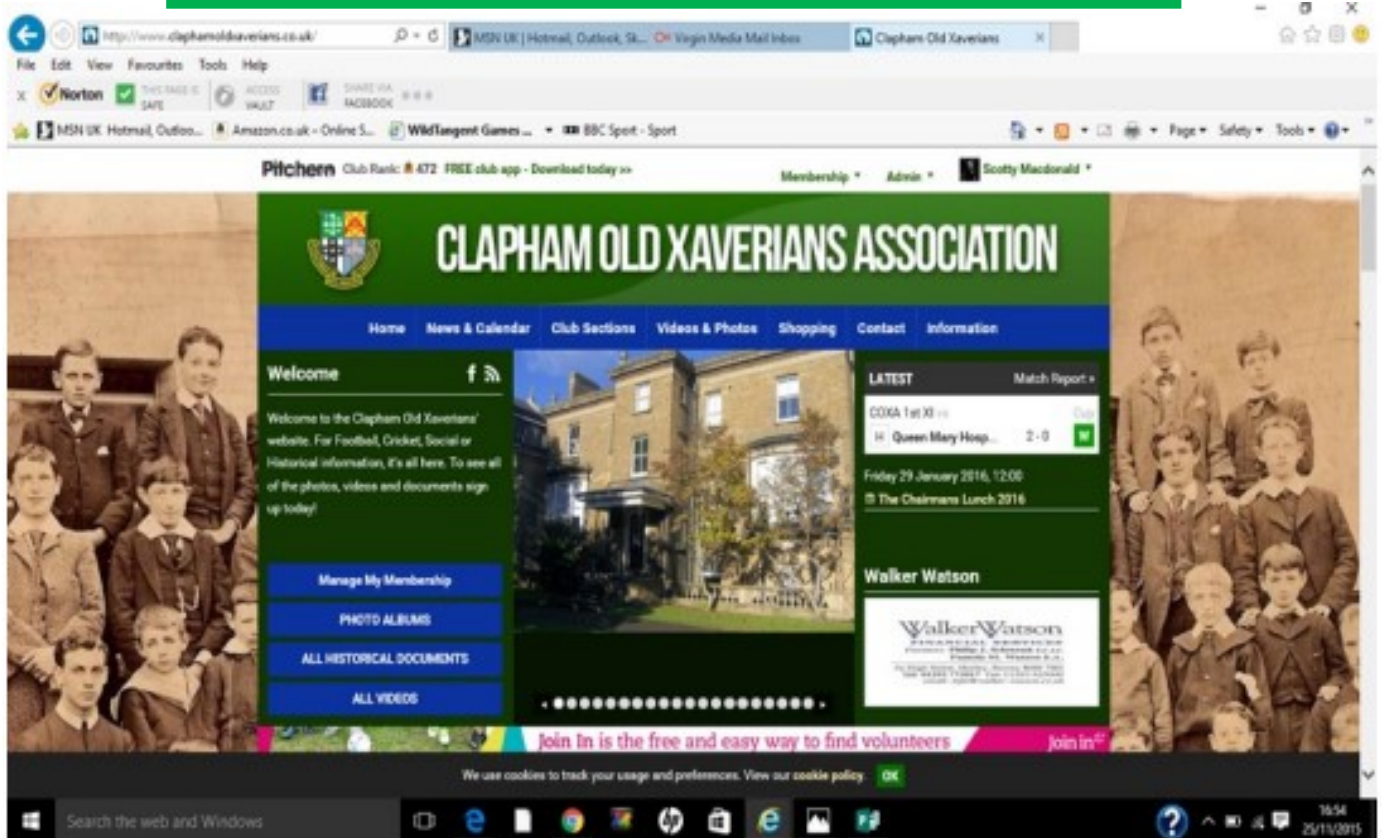
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CLAYTON (BOUNDMAN), FRANK BARNEFFA AND ALAN WEBBER



## 69. The Websites - we now have two



Appalling selection policy, or not changing a winning team— -you decide

### West Ham signing, Michail Antonio [played for Clapham 2<sup>nd</sup> XI]



On transfer deadline day, West Ham were particularly active bringing in new players. One new face was **Michail Antonio**, from Nottingham Forest. He is from Wandsworth and was a pupil of Bernard's at Southfields School. Like any half decent footballers aged 16 at Southfields, Michail swiftly understood that Saturdays were no longer his own – rather he would become part of **Mr Mensah's Clapham 2<sup>nd</sup> XI**. He played a good chunk of one season, helping Clapham to a Cup Final – but was in **Michael Baffour's** shadow a little at that time. The transfer fee was "undisclosed" – Bernard knows it to have been **£7million**. Michail made his debut in the win away to Man City and did well by all accounts.....Thanks, Mike Garvey

70. Jake's Garden a 21st Century new events for COXA-I'm lost for words



COXA are going back to John [Jake] Richins' beautiful garden in Kent



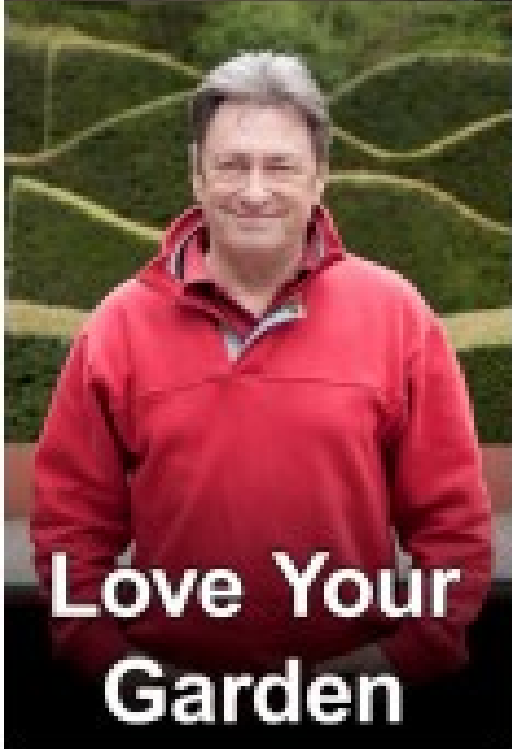
Last year COXA made a pilgrimage to visit Jake Richins and his beautiful garden in Tandridge, near Sevenoaks in Kent. The dozen who did go [on the way to the "Races"] had a great time, you can get the flavour of day from the photos below. The NGS also made a "Bob" [or two]

**ngs** gardens open for charity  
BRING "MUGS [for Tea] - and a picnic - [biscuits]

We plan to be at Jake's from 11am to 2pm Sunday 22nd May 2016. If you are coming along please email me [for the numbers] Cheers,



"Father & Son" - no... Jake and Paul West



**Love Your Garden**



John "Jake" Richins invited Old Xaverians and Alan Titchmarsh into his garden this Summer. What was the greater risk? - a National TV programme - or a dozen lads from Clapham - exactly!



Back at the "Old Place" - Jan Luba and about twenty classmates [and a couple of aging staff] turned the clock back 40 years and had a reunion at the College - SFX as usual were generous at allowing this event to take place at a weekend - more later!



Below a brilliant photograph of the late Father **Anthony Richins** with his friend **Michael Straiton** celebrating his 50 years as a priest - looked like a day to record and remember.



Thanks to the **Croydon Advertiser** [and Mick Power] for this article.



**Noel Fielding** is an internationally renowned comedian—who actually turned out for Clapham Old Kaverians 3rd XI. The star of "The Mighty Boosh" was trying to find a purpose in life in the early 1990s and felt that turning out for Clapham 3rd XI was a possible avenue [brought along by a mate... the rumour is a young Rozzkowski or Tope... not verified]. Apparently he was a battling blonde-haired midfielder. Never really made it with COXA [add him to the list of professional footballers who shared the same fate - see Antonio West Ham] and turned his hand to the Stage, TV, Tours, with multimillion audiences. COXAs loss

**CLAT** surreal comedy *The Mighty Boosh* made Noel Fielding a household name. Also known for his role as a team captain on *Never Mind The Buzzcocks*, he grew up near Croydon and went to college here. He will be back in town in November and is inviting fans to spend an evening with him at Fairfield Halls.

**Deborah Morris** caught up with the comedian as he reminisced about hanging out in the town in years gone by.

**SPENT** my youth hanging out in the "Whitgift Centre," Noel Fielding recalls, when asked about his memories of Croydon.

As a child he lived near Michael Common and would later study at Croydon School of Art at Croydon College.

"I remember when we were kids there was a sports shop in there and the Green Cross Code man was going to be there signing autographs," he continues.

"We trashed off school and went to get some stuff signed by the Green Cross Code man."

He is on a roll as he continues to reminisce...

"What else used to happen in Croydon?" he asks himself. "I think we used to go to the cinema. What were the pubs there? The Ship - is that still there?"

"Yes, that's still there, I tell him."

brings his show, *An Evening with Noel Fielding*, to Fairfield Halls on Friday, November 20.

Noel, 42, studied for a national diploma at Croydon College of Art following his A levels.

Noel still paints and even had an exhibition of watercolour paintings at the Royal Albert Hall earlier this year.

It was visited by Damien Hirst, who bought a piece of his work, and Bill Coble.

"I have never done watercolours before so I went to France for a month and played around with watercolours and thought it would be good to have an exhibition of watercolours," he explains.

"It went really well."

It was his former teacher Dexter Dabwood who encouraged Noel to become a stand-up comedian.

"You know you're going



Parrot," he recalls. "Frankie Boyle was and I came second."

"I got an agent from it and I got lots of good gigs. It all took off from there."

But it was *The Mighty Boosh*, which he wrote with co-star Julian Barratt, which arguably gave Noel his biggest break.

"We were going to do a show together and we thought it would be much more interesting if we did a show that's like a play with music in it and dressing up," he says.

"It was sort of a weird show."

From this early version, *The Mighty Boosh* shows we know it was born and the duo won the coveted *Purrier Award* for best newcomer at the 1998 Edinburgh Festival.



If any of our 400 plus "readers" have any other details of "ones who got away" from COXA please inform me - Scotty

# 72. Two memorable front pages from a 2017 Concordia

## Remembrance Mass - Sunday 13th November 2016



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16<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Annual Mass of Remembrance: Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 11.00 a.m.

Many thanks for indeed for your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> September in respect of the Annual Mass of Remembrance for the Old Xaverians who died during the War, which I received yesterday.

On Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> November I have given permission for Parishes to have one Requiem Mass for the fallen of the two World Wars so I think it would be very appropriate if we had a Requiem Mass for the Old Xaverians. That means we can choose the readings, have one of the Prefaces for the Mass of the Dead and I think it would be very appropriate.

I think the best way of just taking this forward would be to be able to have a chat with you on the phone to save us sending letters back and forth. So could you give me a ring on my direct line

## Lee O'Callaghan a plaque in the Chapel and a road in Southwark.

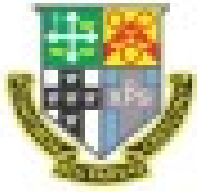


**Lee O'Callaghan RIP 09.08.2004.** Lee lived in Bermondsey and was a student at SFX College, Clapham. He was only 20 when shot in the chest by a Shia militiaman in Basra, Iraq on August 9<sup>th</sup> 2004.

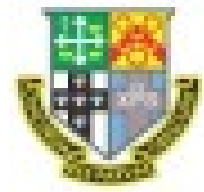


**Roll of Honour**  
Of your charity pray for the soul of  
**Lee O'Callaghan**





# Concordia



Summer 2014—Number 4

## Commemorative Edition - "Lest we Forget"



This Edition is dedicated to Seamus, our Treasurer, who recently passed away, he had a real passion for History.

As we approach memorial dates of World Wars I & II this Commemorative Concordia has been published in Recognition and Remembrance of those Old Boys of Clapham College who fought and served their Country and the many who gave their lives. The COCA Committee too worked hard to support the Forces; for such a small school there were some great stories of Clapham camaraderie, sadness, heroism and laughter. We promised "We Would Never Forget" - this is a tribute to those Clapham Boys

Below are the Medals of Group-Captain Mike Stephens Distinguished Service Order; Distinguished Flying Cross, with two bars; 1939-45 Star, clasp, Battle of Britain; Air Crew Europe star; Africa Star, clasp, North Africa 1942-43; Defence and War Medals 1939-45; Coronation 1953 and a Malta, 50th Anniversary Medal 1942-43. Michael was at Clapham College from 1930 to 1934



A fuller account of Michael Stephen's exploits appears on Pages 8 & 9

## Oslo Old Boy comes good.....

Rich Clark joins Scotty's Quest

Scotty engaged the help of Old Boy Richard Clark who now lives in Norway.

Hi Richard. I'm still following some of the resting places of fallen Clapham Xaverians - it's been not "weird", but strangely uplifting. On the Website, I've posted the Commemorative Card, it would be great if you printed a copy and take a photo of it beside **Desmond Firth's grave in Oslo, Western Civil Cemetery. He was at the College from 1928 to 1936 and died on 08/11/1941 (aged 25) during a bombing raid in Oslo in WWII - Des was an RAF pilot Officer and was born in New Malden Surrey - doubt whether anyone has visited him in 70 years. It's just an interest of mine - but if Oslo Cemetery is close please try for me! - I'd love a photo for the next Concordia (and maybe one of you.. or an article.. hope springs eternal).** [Rich's reply is below]



Scotty, Vestre Gravlund, or West Cemetery, is only two km. from us, so this day, August 4th 2014, seems a very appropriate day to visit the final resting place of one of ours. We spoke to the office staff there and one of the lads showed us where the British military personnel were laid to rest. I think there were only 108 in this beautifully maintained dedicated part of the cemetery and we found the grave with no problem at all.

It brought tears to my eyes and a lump to my throat when this very helpful young lad told me that it was the resting place of these Brits who gave their lives trying to free his country.

I was not aware of any raids by the RAF in the Oslo area in 1941, most raids were confined to the north around Trondheim or to the heavy water plant at Rjukan. But according to him, the Germans had earlier killed a large number of Oslo citizens in a horrific attack on a tram in the city and the one-off raid by the RAF so early on was to show the enemy (I worked for them here in Oslo for almost 28 years!) that they were not immune to reprisals.

We have been to the cemetery today and taken numerous pictures. I am not the best of editors on a laptop but I shall do my best in the next few days before we go on a short vacation to a very remote area in the Norwegian mountains with my daughter's family where they have a hut by the side of a lake full of hungry trout and a formidable number of mosquitos. Have a nice holiday. Richard.

Rich joined the rest of the Class of '54 at Lambert's in Sept.



By sheer coincidence my parents-in-law are interred only 70 meters from Desmond Firth. It's a small world!

Rich Clark 1954

# 75. Norbury is there - but things have changed [others haven't]

## What's Happening at Norbury?



Clapham College boys use to play football in the playground - honing their skills for "footie" on The Paddock...just as a pre-amble for the "real thing" - Football at the "Mecca", County Road Norbury. The 159 bus, Green Lane and then [avoiding any chance of Ted Slade calling the game off] to walk on that hallowed turf. The small kick-about pitch just outside the bar and those two huge pitches running parallel down that steep slope. Well, Norbury solders on!

**COUNCIL**  
Cleaner Safer Greener

### Club Premises Certificate Summary

Club premises certificate number

Club details

Name and postal address of club in whose name the certificate is granted

The Clapham Old Xaverians Association  
37 County Road  
Croydon  
Surrey  
CR7 8HN

We have "lost" the two large pitches [the 1st and 2nd XI ones] to Alfred the Great Primary School. The little practice pitch [extended] is now the only one and literally "kept alive" by the efforts of Eddie O'Brien. The bungalow is rented out.....



Norbury is the same, but different, the important thing it is still functioning for the Old Boys. But now it is home to a Primary School, the Clubhouse is a nursery during the week and we have had a Pigeon Club for years. Add to this a paying tenant and a Summer Sports School; Norbury is doing OK!

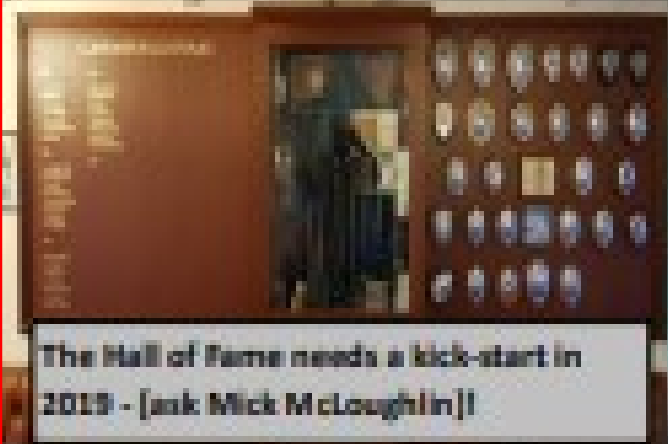


76. Norbury Over 20 years ago the Changing Rooms became a great bar and hall

When was the last time you visited Norbury?



The famous/infamous Norbury Bar



The Hall of Fame needs a kick-start in 2019 - [ask Mick McLoughlin!]



Some things never change ---



The kitchen has been upgraded to a standard higher than "Derek Rowe's Hospitality

When WAS the last time you were at Norbury? Mick Power, Bob Morris, Eddie and Joe Benedict work all-year-round [un-thanked] to keep it "ship-shape" for us.

77. Norbury the 21st Century have seen some great Band Nites and St Patrick's Day dances

St Patrick Nite Norbury, 2017 - a great event , fun, singing , dancing and Guinness



Great COXA families showed off their "talents" Leathems, Burkes and Williams performed .....

St Patrick's Night at Norbury 2017 was a truly fantastic evening out. About fifty Old Xaverians turned out and were entertained by the Clapham Old Boys "Big Band" rocking through the night. Guest singers and the Deborah Wheelan Irish Dancing School performed. It was worth the entrance money alone [there wasn't any] to watch Mick McLoughlin dancing a jig.



**St Patrick's Night 2018**

has to be a date for your diary.

Please make a note of Saturday 17th March and come along to Norbury for another great night out.

If we are able to replicate the entertainment levels of 2017 with a larger crowd it would be a truly memorable and enjoyable night out. Keep an eye on the COXA Website for details

# 78. St Patrick's Night Irish Dancers, Norbury

St Patrick's Day at the Norbury Clubhouse



St. Patrick's Day

St Patrick's Day at Norbury was another great COXA event, 80 people enjoyed the "Clapham Band" reformed! And the dancers. It was a pity the band, their family and friends made up 50% of the crowd. Please, please pencil in St Patrick's Nite in your 2020 Diary - see you there....





79. A truly Great Xaverian John Noulton, he was the Channel Tunnel -why not "Sir John"?

The Daily Telegraph Monday, 22 May 2017

John Noulton was truly a great Xaverian. I only knew him from the Lunch and through Concordia correspondence. His family, classmates and the Daily Telegraph, new far, far more about John. I've added part of his obituary from the Telegraph - it is best read online [larger] on the COXA Website.

Obitua

# John Noulton

Civil servant whose work on planning and building the Channel Tunnel spanned three decades

**J**OHN NOULTON, who has died aged 79, was a senior civil servant who played a crucial role in the planning of the Channel Tunnel, was passionate about the construction building it to keep the project on track. This was his country's public affairs director for its first decade of operation.

Highly effective in Whitehall, with a keen financial managing manner and totally selfless, Noulton's involvement with the tunnel spanned three decades from the time Edward Heath's government first gave the go-ahead. As the project was cancelled by Harold Wilson's cabinet reversal under Margaret Thatcher, he built up a very deep knowledge of it. During construction, he translated the tunnel more than 200 times, "writing up in old workbooks with a hand hat and sticky notes". After it opened in 1994, involvement "something deep in the brain" because "something deep in the brain" says "it's necessary".

John David Noulton was born in Twickenham, south London on January 2, 1938. He was the son of John Noulton and the actress Kathleen Noulton. His earliest memories were of watching from air



condition of work, and early in 1969 both firms accepted management changes and personnel changes, strengthening leadership and encouraging cooperation. Dr Tony Bailey, general manager of British Rail's main trunk railway, came to be managing director of Eurotunnel, and the veteran American banker Sir Jack Langley took charge in 1984.

Later that year, as Merton learned that the cost of the project was rising sharply, Noulton himself joined TMA as director of administration. He spent his final days in the civil service in Downing Street.

The first tunnel, but the tunnel was completed and commissioned. During this process, in 1992, Noulton was appointed Eurotunnel's first director. People there, he recalled, only asked three questions about the Eurotunnel: "They wanted to know how it was done, how it was done, how it was done."

It was the tunnel opened in 1994. "We thought we had done the difficult bit", but Eurotunnel's difficulties with the bank continued - it lost 2000 million in 1995 - and Noulton advised the Government and the EU as Secretary and the bank agreed to an agreement to withdraw from the debt. Then, in November 1996, a ferry fire seriously damaged one of the tunnels. To Noulton's relief, it did not cause Eurotunnel's bankruptcy.

In a final decade of operation, 24,000 would be struck by a fire detected at the tunnel's exit. Noulton advised repeatedly to get the country's leading engineers to do the tunnel's final inspection at night. Separation of the tunnel's final inspection was used in a day.

A love of business and design, Noulton worked with Lady First, wife of Britain's first astronaut to France, to launch a Per Peugeot where cooking travellers to take their dogs or cats with them.

In retirement, he advised the Olympic Delivery Authority, chaired by Jack Langley, on how to make sure facilities provided for the London 2012 Games were ready. He chaired the Council for Travel and Tourism, and was public affairs director for the French-British Council.

John Noulton married Anne Byrne in 1961, she died in 2012. He is survived by their three sons and daughters, and his "best mate" Prince Philip.

John Noulton, born January 2 1938, died May 4 2017

John Noulton

2<sup>nd</sup> January 1938 - 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017



Noulton during construction he translated the tunnel more than 200 times, writing up in old workbooks with a hand hat and sticky notes, making a hard but necessary job.

decided the case for a link was weak, and Noulton was second-in-command. He was there to be there. It was done fairly, but when, days later, Mrs Thatcher met the French prime minister, Pierre Mauroy, she said she was "happy to continue with studies".

It was Noulton, he now an under-secretary, who used his latest studies. Full time as joint head of the department's International Transport Directorate, he handled work on the tunnel treaty with France, the construction agreement with the operator, personal on a related full and public consultation.

There were tough negotiations with the mining consortium, which France, Eurotunnel, over the detail of how the tunnel should be constructed, financed and operated. Noulton started meetings on problems over the length of the concession - set at 55 years but extended to 60 in 1992 and then 75 - the financial structure proposed and the construction of the tunnel in the event of a disaster.

In parallel, Eurotunnel was trying to raise the £2.5 billion it expected the second loan from international banks and a state loan. Noulton kept ministers briefed on progress.

He also kept close to negotiations on a Railway Usage Contract for Eurotunnel, British Rail and Channel

SNCF. When SNCF pressed for a reduction in proposed tolls, Noulton advised the transport Secretary John Major against intervention on Eurotunnel's side.

The Channel Tunnel Bill required the approval of a Select Committee chaired by Major's deputy David Mitchell, and Noulton headed a panel of experts reporting to it at one point he advised that Lord Cleeve's Committee was "unacceptable, at once true and petty".

The committee set for 14 days held 4,000 petitions, with 100,000 taking evidence at the Imperial Hotel in White, Burlington Gardens in the early 2000s. Most had held the Government's feet.

During time the two governments appointed an Inter-Governmental Commission to monitor the conduct of the work to which they got under way with the first tunneling the British side.

With Cogan after David Assis in 1997 had relations between Eurotunnel and the Trans-Manche Link consortium, consisting of 1000 men at the tunneling point. Costs were well above forecasts, there had been early tunnelling difficulties, and British shares, the alternative South African tender, leading the British side of Eurotunnel, was withdrawing its shares from 1984.

Former from the last construction

RIP John Noulton, Clapham College 1950 to 1957. An Alpha, stalwart of Charterhouse. The Channel Tunnel a great epitaph.....



# 80. COXA Cricketers and Golfers

Bene Benedict and Famous cricket icons

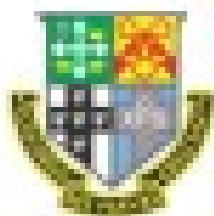


Page 48 and all you can see are smiling Xaverians - no matter the event.

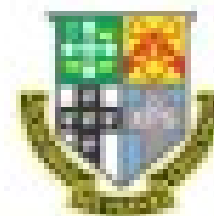


Current Cricket and Golf Day photos. The "drunken-looking one" is a "football tour-Dublin" The bottom pic, is 6th Form waving "goodbye" to Clapham from the Prefects Room window in Hollywood. Needs to be seen "online" for detailed close-up.....Log into the Clapham Old Xaverian Website.

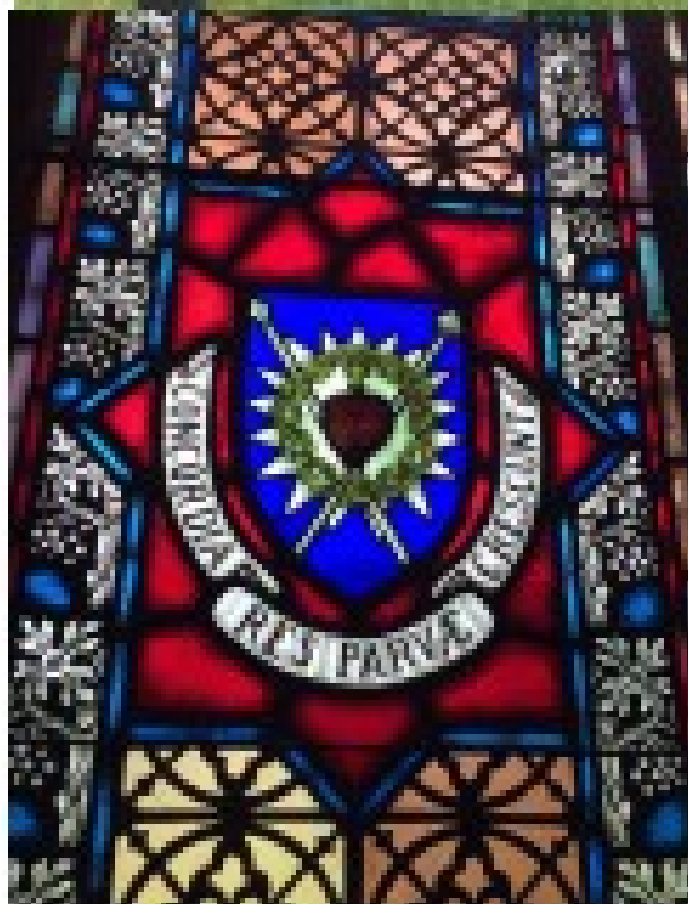




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In May 2018 the CDCA History Sub-Committee visited Notre Dame in Indiana & Danvers, Massachusetts. We visited Archives & talked to Xaverian Brothers. This cover gives a flavour of the trip. More later.

82. Photos taken a year ago iconic Clapham never changes...much

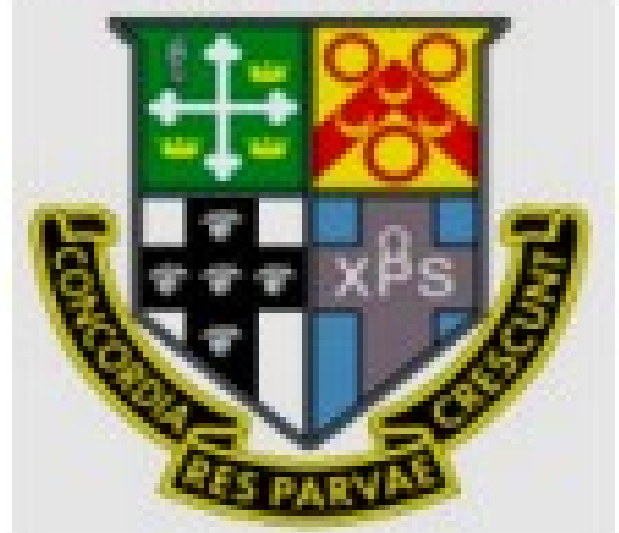
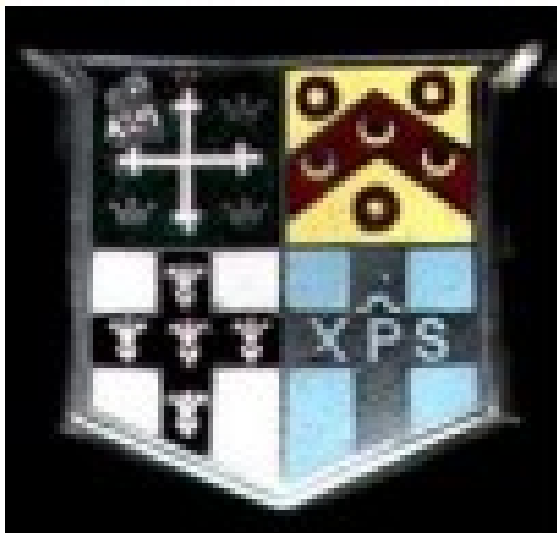
Nightingale Lane, things are changing others always remain the same



Nightingale Lane, in 2018. Audley House, reaching completion, replacing the Old Metropolitan Police Section House. New neighbour of 578 [CC], then there is Nightingale House - always one of my favourites.

# 85. Clapham College Crests and Badges

Clapham College crests - our brilliant badge - changed over the years - think order is correct



## Committee - 2020 - living with COVID 19

What a COXA "Zoom" Meeting looks like.



**Dates for your diaries** - COXA has functioned well on Lock-down - **Football** is back...

**Next Ramble** - Weds Oct 7th 9.30 Leatherhead Station about 5 miles - socially distancing.

**AGM Thursday 16th October** at 6.30pm on Zoom - if you are unsure of what ZOOM is all about contact me [Scotty] 07508001217, or get your grandchildren to help!

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**Chairman's [SUMMER] Lunch 9th July 2021 - it's on!**



At the end of April, your Committee met to organise a **Summer Lunch** and although further arrangements (menu and capacity) are still to be confirmed, we need to move forward to inform Xaverians about the event. **The details are: COXA Summer Lunch at the Union Jack Club, Sandell Street, London SE1 8UJ on Friday 9th July 2021 from 12 noon and Lunch from 1:00 p.m. The cost will be £50.00 per head.** This lunch will be a slimmed down event compared to "The Oval". Capacity of the room is for **100 diners** with some 'wiggle room' if we exceed capacity [further negotiation with the Union Jack Club]. **Early booking and payment** will be essential in guaranteeing attendance. Full details will be made available once agreed with the UJC. **Overnight accommodation** will be available. Importantly a full bar will be available (cost of a pint is £2.80 and house wine £15.00 a bottle). **Further updates** to follow

### Gerry Morrison's Sporting Life ..continued



As a graphics sports operator was a regular on Grandstand in the days of David Coleman, Frank Bough, Des Lynam, Steve Rider and Bob Wilson. In the Studio I used to sit next to John McCrick!



2016 Directed live host coverage for Equestrian events in Rio de Janeiro

Thanks to my involvement with Horse Racing I have been fortunate enough to visit Buckingham Palace to meet the Queen and Queen Mother, and have met the Aga Khan in France and Sheikh Mohammed in the UAE.

Left: 2019 Bayeux Normandy 75th Anniversary of D-Day

# 86. Teamsheet December 2000

Clapham Old Xaverians Football Club (Sponsored by LISTER WOOD SANDOMS Solicitors  
 Teamsheet No.11 for matches Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2000  
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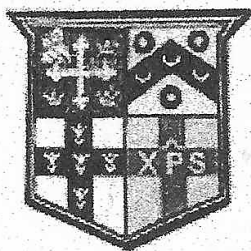
## DISCIPLINARY ISSUES

**McMahon League Suspension 35 days and fined £20, until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2000**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> XI v. Old Danes (LOB Senior Cup) AWAY at Warren Farm S.C., Windmill Lane, Southall, Middlesex</b> <b>K.O.1.45pm Depart Oval Station by 11:30</b> From: Arnold, Sekula, Maloney, Cefai.M, Daramy, McCarthy.E, McDonald, Quinn.J, McSherry, McGuire.S, Donald. N/A: <b>Conneely (INJ), Tarawali (INJ) Leedham McMahon</b>	
Last Week: Lost 1-3 v John Fisher O.B (Maloney)	Captain: Andrew Leedham (07801-707979) Mark Conneely (0207 701 4710)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Albanian Res or Mickleham Old Boxhillians (LOB Inter Cup) or a League Fixture (TBC)</b> <b>*** ALL PLAYERS TO CONTACT CAPTAINS ***</b> From: Oladagba, Megoran, Carneige, Timon, Cefai.S, Joseph.N, Stewart.B, Hagarty.N, Lansiquot.R, Hagarty.P, Gordan. Yates. N/A Pollard (Inj) Wmore, Burrows	
Last Week: Lost 2-3 v Old Meadonians IV (Lansiquot.R and TBC)	Captains: Chris Megoran (0468 907 697) and Serge Cefai (020 8232 8085)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> XI LEAGUE FIXTURE TO BE CONFIRMED</b> <b>*** ALL PLAYERS TO CONTACT CAPTAINS ***</b> From: Brady, Dolan, O'Brien.R, Westgate, Annison, Trenor, Brown.C, Gilmore. N/A: <b>Brannon</b>	
Last Week: Won 3-0 v Old Strandians (Brown, Joseph.A Westgate)	Captains: Colin Brown (020 8653 1783) (M: 07974 - 088 472) and Steve Brady (0207 231 7737)
<b>4<sup>th</sup> XI v Old Tiffinians III (League) HOME at Purley Way K.O. 2.00 pm, Depart Norbury Staion by</b> <b>12:30pm *** Changing room behind Pizza Hut***</b> <b>K.O. 14:00pm, Depart: Norbury Station by 12:30pm</b> From: McPherson, Keogh, Davorn, O'Brien.E, Garvey, Hobbs, Mensah.A, Ohiwerei, Gilmartin, Faulkner, Gallego, Amoo. N/A: <b>Pettley (Inj), McGuire.G(Inj), Bertie</b>	
Last Week: Lost 1- 4 v Old Sedcopians IV (LOB Minor Cup) (Bertie)	Captains: John Pettley (07979 702063) and Joe Davorn (020 8693 6392)
<b>5<sup>th</sup> XI v Glyn O.B. (League) K.O 2:00pm Depart Norbury Station by 12:30pm</b> <b>*** Changing room behind Pizza Hut***</b> From: Benedict.T, O'Hene, Salinas, Symmons, Kalule, Freestone, Benedict.M, Purcell, Armitage, Rozkowski.D, Jones.C, Butler.C, Joseph.A, Cruz, Quinn.M.	
Last Week: Lost 2-3 v Old Sinjuns III (O'Hene 2)	Captain: Joe Benedict (020 8769 3167)
<b>6<sup>th</sup> XI v Old Aloysians VI (LOB Drummond Cup) AWAY or Chertsey Old Salesians V (League) AWAY</b> <b>*** Opposition and Venue to be confirmed – Please Contact Dan Condon ***</b> From: Freeman, Grubb, Henderson, Fehilly, Allison.N, Allison.R, McCarthy.G, Nelson.N, Taggert, Thornton, Blair.F, Tierney, Linfield, Resprepor. N/A: <b>Stephens, Cooper (Inj), Sinden, ball</b>	
Last Week: Drew 4-4 v Old Strandians Res (Nelson, Allison.N, Marinica, Resprepor)	Captains: Pete Stephens (0411 380 861) and Dan Condon (020 7737 3959)
<b>COXA U/17 v Mortlake Grangers (Cup). AWAY K.O. 10:30. ALL</b> <b>PALYERS TO COUNTY ROAD BY 09:15</b> From: Henderson.A, Friend.R, Friend.D, Williams.R, Mansi.J, Lopez Lorenzo. M, Skinner.D, Labor.C, Quayson.L, Coughlin.M, Mohammed.A, Nelson.W, Ramsey.S	
Last Week: Drew 2-2 v Beddington Eagles B (Skinner and Friend.D)	Good Luck - Lads  Manager: John Mansi (020 8764 8282)



# 87. COXA Goalscorers February 2002



## Clapham Old Xaverians

### O.B.F.L. – C.O.X.A Results: 16/02/02

Senior Division 3	1 <sup>ST</sup> XI	v. Old Manorians Res	Won	5 - 2	Duffy (2), Daramy (2) Gordon	League Game
South Division 1	2 <sup>ND</sup> XI	v. John Fisher O.B. Res	Won	7 - 1	Ohene (2), Hegarty.N, Lillis, Wright, Allen, Benedict.T	League Game
South Division 2	3 <sup>RD</sup> XI	v. Shene O.G. III	Won	1 - 0	Brown	League Game
South Division 4	4 <sup>TH</sup> XI	v. Old Tenisonians V	Won	2 - 0	Sembi, Sheen	League Game
South Division 7	5 <sup>TH</sup> XI	v. Old Reigatians VI	Won	4 - 2	Burrows (2), Skinner, Quinn	League Game

### 2001/2002 Season (Up To 16/02/02)

Name:	League:	Cup:	Total:
Williams. R	15	4	19
Cefai. M	11	2	13
Duffy. S	12	1	13
Skeet. N	9	0	9
Sheen.	8	1	9
Coughlan. D	6	3	9
Farrell. M	7	0	7
Hunt. B	7	0	7
Mansi. J	5	2	7
Hegarty. P	6	0	6
Cefai. S	4	2	6
Allen. J	4	2	6

# 88. Another 2002 COXA Football Teamsheet

## Clapham Old Xaverians Football Section

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Teamsheet No 3 for games played on Sat 21 September 2002

<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> XI v. Latymer O.B Res (League)</b>                      AWAY at Pitch 15/16 Enfield P.F., Donkey Lane, Enfield K.O. 3.00 pm                      DEPART Waterloo BR 12.45pm                      Steve Gordon : 7334 3439 (O) 7733 0934 (H) 07786368158 (M)                      Emergency contact John Mansi : 8971 5172 (O) 8764 8282 (H) 07815740107 (M)</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> XI v. OPPOSITION BEING ARRANGED (Friendly)</b>                      AWAY K.O. 3.00 pm                      Depart                      Paul Hegarty : 8682 2287 (H) 07966433451 (M)                      Martin Donald is on holiday</p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> XI v. Old Dorkinians III (Friendly)</b>                      HOME at PowerLeague K.O 3:00 p.m.                      Meet at ground 2.00 pm                      Matt Benedict : 8769 3167 (H) 07811263425 (M)</p> <p><b>4<sup>th</sup> XI v. Old Westminster Citizens IV (Friendly)</b>                      AWAY at W'minster City Spts Gnd, Tamworth Lane, Mitcham K.O. 3:00 p.m.                      DEPART Norbury BR at 2:00pm                      Danny Locke 07786025065</p> <p><b>5<sup>th</sup> XI v. Old Westminster Citizens V (Friendly)</b>                      HOME at Highbury Avenue, K.O. 2.30 p.m.                      Meet at Ground 1.30pm NOTE EARLY KICK OFF                      Dave Nix (M) 07801-097-541 (H) 020-8699-5991 (E) davidnixuk@yahoo.co.uk                      Andy Feehilly 8200 4455 (O) 07778 668222 (M)</p>	<p>A MacPherson, G McGuire, S McGuire, K Tynan,                      M Cefai, R Rooney, S Gordon, Duffy, S Daramy,                      S Cefai, M Garvey, P Hamilton</p> <p>N/A –</p> <p>A Moss, T Benedict, T Garbutt, P McDowell, J Mansi,                      S Lillis, D Eaton, J Allen, R Ohene, R Bogle, P Hegarty                      M Abod, D Coughlan</p> <p>N/A –</p> <p>P Abott, M Benedict, J Leatham Snr &amp; Jnr, R Williams                      M Coughlan, Y Kosimo, B Stewart, S Young, D Mensah                      C Brown, D Regan, Stevenson, D Fox                      N/A – J Quinn</p> <p>D Grubb, D Locke, A Joseph, M Nunes, C McLaughlin,                      M Plummer, F Cornelli, W Norman, A Decoursey</p> <p>N/A Annison, Pettley, Holmes, Timson, Skeet                      ALL PLAYERS TO CONTACT THE CAPTAINS</p>
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**Last Weeks Results:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> XI - v Merton (F) W 7-6 Cefai (S) Daramy (4) Duffy Cefai (M)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> XI - v Old Dorkinians Res (F) W 6-1 Ohene (3) Bogle (2) Lillis
- 3<sup>rd</sup> XI - v Merton III D 5-5 Leatham (John) (Jack) Brown (2) McIntosh
- 4<sup>th</sup> XI - v Merton IV (F) W 4-0 Skeet (2) Plummer (2)
- 5<sup>th</sup> XI - v Old St Mary's II (F) L

# 89. COXA Football Teamsheet Sept 2003

## ●apham Old Xaverians Football Section ●

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Teamsheet No 4 for games played on Sat 27 Sept. 2003

<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> XI v. Old Dorkinians (AFA Surrey Senior Cup)</b>  <b>AWAY</b> at Pixham lane, Dorking K.O. 3:00pm                      Depart Norbury BR at 12:45 p.m.                      Steve Gordon : 7334 3439 (O) 86592469 (H) 07786368158 (M)</p>	<p>Brady K, Gordon S, McGuire G, Tynan K, Roszkowski L,                      Rooney R, Cefai M, Daramy S, Eaton D, Plummer M.                      McGuire S, Gorman M,                      N/A MacPherson A, Hamilton P, Rooney C.                      Danny Eaton, Benedict T &amp; M, Williams P, Moss A,                      Allen J, Rio, Lillis S, Mulley S, Armitage N, Ohene R,                      Hegarty P&amp;N, Brown L, Wilkinson S, Murcutt M.</p>
<p><b>2nd XI v. Opposition being arranged (Friendly)</b>                      All Players to contact Matt Benedict : 8769 3167 (H) 07811263425 (M)</p>	<p>N/A P McDowell P (Inj)                      Eaton Danny, Mensah D, Rogerson, Mansi J, Michael,                      Stevenson C, Codd P, Marquis J, Terry, Faik L,                      S Cefai, Filo M, Brown C, Garvey M.</p>
<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> XI v. Old Plymouthians (Friendly)</b>  <b>HOME</b> at Powerleague K.O 3.00pm                      Meet at ground 2pm (need to get nets up!)                      All Players to contact Matt Benedict : 8769 3167 (H) 07811263425 (M)                      Captains on the day – Bernie Marquis &amp; Joe Mansi</p>	<p>N/A, Quinn J (HoneyMoon) Brown C                      D Grubb, D Locke, A Joseph, A DeCoursey, C McLoughlin, B Hunt,                      D Roszkowski, J McTavish, M Adebisi, C Mulholland, J Whyte, P Langton,                      Patrick (Dom's mate, will find out his surname.)</p>
<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> XI v. Old Cholmeleians IV (AFA Minor Cup)</b>  <b>HOME</b> at Norbury, County Road K.O 3.00pm                      Meet at ground 2pm                      Contact Danny Locke 0778 602 5065 this week                      Will Annison reserve contact 0771 248 5841</p>	<p>N/A W Annison, L Best, P Mayo, A Brannon, M Donald                      From –                      Lambe, Nix, Feehilly, Stephens, Davorn, McCarthy G, Hoskin, Allison N,                      Cornelli, Weyers, Donovan, Towers                      Would like to hear from any players looking for a game                      n/a Pierce, Groarke, Reeve, Norman, Pettley.</p>
<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> XI v. Opposition being arranged.</b>                      All players to contact David Nix                      Dave Nix (M) 07801-097-541 (E) davidnixuk@yahoo.co.uk                      Andy Feehilly 8200 4455 (O) 07778 668222 (M)</p>	<p>B Grubb / S Parker, D Condon, C Burrows, J Henderson,                      E Walters, N Read, J Charlton, G Walker, P Frost,                      D Fletcher, I Holmes, J Carnie, S Papworth, J Stuart</p>
<p><b>6<sup>th</sup> XI v. Opposition being arranged. (Friendly)</b>                      Ian Holmes (M) 07919 911 761 (E) iholmes@uk.ey.com                      Emergency contact Spencer McGuire (M) 07817 865 517 (e mail details above)</p>	<p></p>

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Teamsheet No. 13 for games to be played on Saturday 27th November 2004

<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> XI v. Reigatians (League)</b>                  HOME at PowerLeague K.O. 2:15 p.m.                  All Players to ground by 1:30 p.m.  <b>John Mansi : 8971 5172 (O) 8764 8282 (H) 07815740107 (M)</b>  <b>Steve Gordon : 7334 3439 (O) 86592469 (H) 07786368158 (M)</b></p>	<p><b>CHANGE OF KIT REQUIRED</b>                   Brady, Rooney, Garvey, McTavish, Gorman, Eaton, Roszkowski, Austin, Hamilton, M Cefai, Daramy Gordon, Codd                  Inj G McGuire,</p>
<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> XI v. Valley Park Rangers (League)</b>                  AWAY at Univ. of Greenwich S.G., Kidbrooke Lane, Eltham K.O.2 :00 p.m.                  Meet Norbury Station 12 Noon  <b>Stefan Mulley: 0207 190 6787 (W) 07769 706 827 (M)</b>  <b>Bernie Mensah 07957 157 361 (M)</b></p>	<p>MacPherson, Price, McGuire S, Moss, Rice, Allen, Hoskins, Hashe Mulley,                  Marquis, Lillis, Mensah, Blade.                  N/A Oherne, Tynan, Lockwood</p>
<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> XI v. Old Tiffinians Res (League)</b>                  HOME at Norbury K.O. 2:15 p.m.                  Meet at Ground by 1:15 p.m.  <b>Bernie Marquis: 07904 479 709 (M)</b>  <b>Joe Mansi : 8764 8282 (H) 07984 421 870 (M)</b></p>	<p>Scott, McGowan, Marquis B, Mansi J, McDowell, Cefai S, Walters Walters D, Quinn J, Filo, Johnson, Bogel, Tynan, Howard, Faik, Johnson, Rio.</p>
<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> XI v. John Fisher O B III (League)</b>                  AWAY at 192 Limsfield Road, Waringham K.O. 2:15 p.m.                  Meet Norbury Station 12:30 p.m.  <b>Will Annison 07712 485 841 (M)</b>  <b>Danny Locke 07838 377 197 (M)</b></p>	<p>Annison, Stewart, Joseph, Healy, McLaughlin, Proxa, DeCoursey, Williams Ph, Williams Paul                  N/A, Brannon, Paul Williams, Stewart Benedict M, Vennart, Nash, Donald, Gale T, Grubb</p>
<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> XI v. Shene O G Res (League)</b>                  HOME at Highbury Avenue K.O 2:00 p.m.                  Meet at Ground by 1:15 p.m.  <b>Paul Reeve 07773 684 018 (M) 7438 8121 (O)</b>  <b>Joe Davorn 07768 680 204 (M) 8247 3355 (O)</b>  <b>Colin Brown 07764 620 108 (M)</b></p>	<p>Pierce, Reeve, Cornelli, Tope, Moore, Lomax, Stevens, Pollard, E McCarthy, Gonzales, Radwan, G McCarthy                  N/A Wharton, Davorn, Brown</p>

**Last Saturday's Results.**

1 <sup>st</sup> XI v. Old Sedcopians (League)	Away Won 3-2	Cefai, Daramy, Hamilton.
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v. Old Foresters Res (LOB Inter Cup)	Home Won 3-1	Blade 2, Mensah.
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI v. No Fixture		
4 <sup>th</sup> XI v. BBC Res (League)	Away	BBC Res failed to turn up for match.
4 <sup>th</sup> XI v. BBC 1st XI (Friendly)	Away Lost 3-5	Vennart, Faik, Donaldson.
5 <sup>th</sup> XI v. City of London Res (League)	Away Lost 4-5	McCarthy G 2, McCarthy E, Faulkner.

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**Teamsheet No. 18 for games to be played on Saturday 15th January 2005**

<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> XI v. Old Hamptonians Res (League)</b>                      AWAY at Rectory Farm, Dean Road, Hampton TW12 1AQ K.O. 2:00 p.m.                      Directions: Depart Norbury Station 12 Noon  <b>John Mansi : 8971 5172 (O) 8764 8282 (H) 07815740107 (M)</b>  <b>Steve Gordon :7334 3439 (O) 86592469 (H) 07786368158 (M)</b></p>	<p>Brady, Gordon, Garvey, McTavish, Eaton, Gorman, Roszkowski, Hamilton, Daramy, Rooney, Allen, Gary McGuire                      Not Available : Codd, Austin &amp; Cefai</p>
<p><b>2nd XI v. Kings Old Boys Res (LOB Inter. Cup)</b>                      HOME at Powerleague K.O. 1:30 p.m.                      Directions: All Players to ground by 12:45 p.m.  <b>Stefan Mulley: 0207 190 6787 (W) 07769 706 827 (M)</b>  <b>Bernie Mensah 07957 157 361 (M)</b></p>	<p>McPhearson, Moss, Ohene, Hashemi, Mulley, Lillis, Blade, Rice, Hoskins, McGuire, Mensah, Marquis, Tynan K</p>
<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> XI v. Old Isleworthians III (LOB Junior Cup) Note early K.O</b>                      AWAY at Memorial Ground, Wood Lane, Isleworth TW7 5EF K.O. 1:30 p.m.                      Directions: Meet <b>Clapham Junction Station</b> at 12 Noon.  <b>Bernie Marquis: 07904 479 709 (M)</b>  <b>Joe Mansi : 8764 8282 (H) 07984 421 870 (M)</b></p>	<p>Phillips, Mansi, Marquis, McGowan, Cefai, Fillo, Walters D &amp; D, Faik, Tynan, McDowell, Howard, Bogal, Lillis</p>
<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> XI v. Fulham Compton O.B Res (League)</b>                      HOME at Norbury, K.O. 2:00 p.m.                      All players need to go straight to ground. No cars available.                      Meet at Ground by 1:00 p.m.  <b>Andy Brannon 07736910111, Will away for 2 weeks</b>                      (In the event of poor weather be prepared to switch ground to Purley Way!)</p>	<p>McArthur, Benedict M, Joseph, McLaughlin, Donald, Healy, Gale, Brannon, Price, Quinn, Benedict T, Stewart, Armitage                      INJ / N/A Grubb, P Williams, Ph Williams, Annison, DeCoursey, Proxa</p>
<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> XI v. Old Suttonians VI (League)</b>                      AWAY at Purley Way K.O. 2:00 p.m.                      Directions: meet Norbury Station 12:45 p.m.  <b>Paul Reeve 07773 684 018 (M) 7438 8121 (O)</b>  <b>Joe Davorn 07768 680 204 (M) 8247 3355 (O)</b>  <b>Colin Brown 07764 620 108 (M)</b></p>	<p>Pierce, Cornelli, Tope, Stephens, Reeve, Davorn, E McCarthy, Radwan, Gonzalez, Moore, O Pollard, Faulkner, Whealan</p>

### Results Saturday 8 January 2005

1 <sup>st</sup> XI v. Shene O.G. (League)	Home Drew 3-3	Allen 2, Hamilton.
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v. Old Dorkinians Res (League)	Away Drew 2-2	Mulley, Ohene.
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI v. John Fisher O B Res (League)	Home (Played Away) Won 3-2	Walters D, Walters D, Bogle.
4 <sup>th</sup> XI v. Old Thorntonians Res (League)	Home Won 2-1	DeCoursey, Healy.
5 <sup>th</sup> XI v. Old Bromleians III (League)	Away Drew 2-2	Moore, Whelan.

Don't forget to book your place at the Chairman's Lunch!

## 92. 2006 COXA Football Reports

Match Report 18<sup>th</sup> November – Clapham Xaverians VI (6) vs. Chislehurst III (1)

This was a special occasion for so many 'special' people in so many 'special' ways. It was the advent of monolithic pony-tailed centre back Bill Stewart's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, which he met with a swagger that would make a transsexual's cock proud. The retro rocking giant marked his anniversary with his first goal since Stevie Wonder started using Braille (the lazy flid) and Gail Porter could grow sideburns (poor shit). Stewart rose at the far post like a paedo's member at a paddling pool to bag his birthday treat, leaving the Chislehurst eleven soul-destroyed and facing a long journey back to the high-rises and caravans from whence they came.

Stewart's goal was served up as dessert as talismanic midfielder Grady bagged himself his first goals of the campaign, the second of which was a breath-taking volley from outside the box which left him no option but to remove his shirt, short and pants to leave his genitals blowing in the wind and several of his celebrating team mates recoiling in horror and disbelief (apart from Manford who delighted the crowd with a nifty reach around). Following this circus the atmosphere became fairly combustible with several of the Chislehurst players finding themselves booked for complaining about the girth of Grady's tool. Disappointing fellas. Hot Shot winger Manford also bagged a stunning brace, showing his full-back a clean pair of heels to make the goal sack sting with pleasure and left the nimble one topless – lucky ladies. Tarawlai rounded off the goal-scoring with a header on the line. Bang – eat that you twats.

Special mentions must go out to bent cop Vennart in the centre of the park, whose PC Plod legs were instrumental in almost every decisive Xaverian's move and also to the Sheringham-esque Sekula who threatened this author with physical and mental torture if he didn't mention his, admittedly, succulent array of flicks and passing interplay. His back heels are now a staple diet of any footballing feast.

Man of the Match: The puppeteer – Sam Vennart. Like a shit Punch n Judy show he waggles the strings until he finds that one is the end of a tampon.

Match Report 25<sup>th</sup> November – Clapham Xaverians IV (7) vs. Old Wokingians (5)

Our mighty Xaverians left it late on a water-logged pitch against a dogged Old Wokingians side to clinch their eighth consecutive league victory. All three points were not secured until centre back pugilist Steve "Savage" Savage rifled an ethereal shot with his left peg into the opposition's goal anus. He then followed this with a stupendously childish muddy bath celebration that left the small crowd agog with rancid apoplexy and a mild erection. Despite a slightly inept first half hat-trick from cultured goal poacher Daramay (who also executed a spunk inducing Bergkamp-esque turn that certainly tinkled the fancy of this commentator), and an early strike from one-man goal factory and FSB assassin Sekula, the Xaverians could not hold on to a 4-1 lead and horrifically found themselves at 4-4 with a manager/captain in spasms of hate on the sidelines and their formation in disarray. It was to be Mr Savage who was to rally the troops with a Middle Earth defying cry, galvanising the intermittent form of Grady who produced some nice play down the wing, feeding the ball to Sekula who scored with the confidence of a player that's just had the new Tesco's cock ring fitted. But a defensive slip-up let Wokingians back in the game again to make it 5-a-piece. This time Grady took things into his own hands, receiving the ball in the area, beating two men with a pirouette that would have left Jayne Torville requiring new undergarments and slotting the ball home with aplomb. Savage speedily bettered this effort with a goal that was greeted by universal praise and could possibly revive the Middle East Peace process and find a cure for HIV (something that the non-afro sporting Manford is awaiting with a lack of dignity that is frankly shocking). Star Player: Simon Weston – just a bit more cream and it should be fine.

## 93. More 2006 Football Match Reports

### Match Report

**4<sup>th</sup> November – Clapham Xaverians IV (3) vs. JP Morgan (1)**

Another top of the table clash saw the Xaverians continue their march on Baghdad with a trio of shots that wouldn't have looked out of place in the skull of that madman Saddam Hussein (I for one will be cheering as he dangles on a rope). Nice one Bush!! Daramay opened proceedings by executing a stunning lob after receiving a delightful Stewart pass (who had taken a moment away from lacerating the ears of his more junior defensive comrades). JP Morgan demonstrated just why they are at the business end of the table as their No.10 climbed above the otherwise faultless Stewart for a superb header that made the Clapham onion bag bulge. But once again the Xaverians, who were missing a couple of testicles, showed their resilience and the depth of their fine squad. Fifth's striking sensation Demar stepped up to the plate and delivered two sweet meats either side of half time which would have made his young heart sing and his gentle cock flutter. The usually buoyant Manford was having a quiet game on the wing, but made amends later by lavishing some tasty confectionary on some ravenous Xaverians. Mmm, yummy.

Star Man: A tie between Dom Roszkowski at centre back and Spencer Grady at right-back – both played absolute blinders in unfamiliar roles.

### Match Report

**November 11<sup>th</sup> 2006 – Clapham Xaverians VI (5) vs. Sinjuns/Grammarians V (2)**

Some were predicting a walkover for this match as the high-flying Xaverians were to meet a Grammarians side propping up the table like Aria Giovanni scoffing up a limp male member into her bruised honey-bee lips. Our heroes only got into their stride during the last 10 minutes of a tightly contested game which saw Mannford complete his Funkadelic hat-trick and Nash and Secular (who was growling throughout the game like a hooker's anus) also add to their own personal goal tallies. Captain Benedict, on as a late substitute, gave this exclusive comment on his team's performance after the game: "I am not drunk."

Rumours that he has been approached by Hale and Pace for the vacant Charlton position were totally misinterpreted by Benedict as a come-on for some torrid masculine interplay.

Star Player: Manford will be bitterly disappointed to narrowly miss out, but Sam Vennart took the plaudits, bouncing back after a slow start to reconfirm his reputation as this team's very own Stevie Gerrard. His ranging of passing was like internet porn.

### Match Report

**2<sup>nd</sup> December – Clapham Xaverians VI (9) vs. Old Meadonians VI (0)**

Clapham strolled on like Stephen Hawking in a bowl of jellied eels into the third round of the Drummond Cup with an ejaculation of goal jobs. The beleaguered Meadonians side could only look back with regret at their early penalty miss, which was batted away in fine style by Mani the micro goal morsel. The remainder of the game was a football showcase with Dom Roszkowski bagging a brace (his first for the club) and Dwayne Manford increasing his burgeoning tally with four choice cuts (riding bareback on the cock of some equally fine misses). Sekula and Tarawali also gobbled off a goal apiece, along with Vennart who smashed home a stunning volley. Tarawali could have got the visitors into the Holy Grail of double figures but decided to urinate all over his diminishing reputation. With the victory in the bag it was back to the opponent's HQ for some burgers and epic tales of quiet nights in and imminent waxing, while self-professed hard man Savage slept off a sorry night of shandy drinking.

## 94. 2022 COXA 1st XI and Vets Match Reports

### COXA VETERANS (3) VS HERSHAM SOUTHSIDE (8) :

Some humble pie to be digested, unquestionably. Yet the painful result does not tell the entire story.

**There were seeds of hope....Clapham Old Xaverians Veterans (3) vs Hersham Southside (8)**

This was never going to be an easy game for the home team, as they faced a high-flying Hersham, who remained unbeaten this season. The travellers boasted at least one ex-pro in their side and had run out convincing victors when the two teams met earlier in the season. However, Clapham have become real defensive stalwarts in recent weeks, not conceding in any of their last three games. Now was the chance for our boys' formidable back four to test themselves against the very best.

Alas, Clapham's chances for a surprise result were shot down quicker than a Chinese dirigible. Individual mistakes were pounced upon without mercy and the Hersham forwards put Clapham to the sword, ratcheting up five devastating bag busters in quick succession.

Yet, it says much for this Clapham unit that they refused to fold. Sam Emmerly took the unilateral decision to position himself in a defensive central midfield role, lending some much needed energy and guile to the engine room. Meanwhile, after 30 minutes or so of chaos, centre-backs Joe Gnanhoua and Spencer Grady remedied some mis-matches in the pace departments of their adversaries.

These changes immediately paid dividends. Finally, the Clapham forwards were seeing more ball. James Allen was having one of his finest games since the end of his much-publicised personality crisis and Andrew Douglas was again proving himself the Steve Waugh of his own particular sporting dynasty. Allen scored a fine goal to finally open the Clapham account, while the pair combined exquisitely to see the slightly more visually-pleasing Douglas brother put away a lovely finish. The half ended 5-2 and, dare it be said, Hersham looked a little perturbed.

Indeed, the second half was a far closer affair, with Emmerly and Ronald Ohene giving everything for the Clapham cause, while Andy Spooner lent his noggin to an unfamiliar right-midfield berth. But Hersham are not champions elect for nothing and they seemed to ration their spurts of excellence as was required, showing more patience than an episode of Casualty, striking like a hot cobra from passages of relative abeyance. They ended with eight to their name, and it could have been more had not keeper Jason Quinn been fleet of foot and (relatively) sound of mind. Clapham also troubled the scorers once more, as Andrew Douglas rose like a smoked salmon to nut in a delectable Ronald Ohene cross.

The game ended 8-3. Some humble pie to be digested, unquestionably. Yet the painful result does not tell the entire story. There were seeds of hope sowed in this particularly adhesive footballing manure (maybe to rise up like those oddball Ray Harryhausen skeletons in Jason & the Argonauts). And Clapham know that, like those bony warriors, they must remain together for their last run of games if they are to clinch promotion (admittedly, the skeletons didn't clinch promotion, they fell off a cliff). There were signs here – albeit against a far superior opposition – that they have what it takes.

MoM: Sam Emmerly

*Spencer Grady*



**LATIMER VETS V CLAPHAM VETS 2ND DEC 2022**

**The football festival of the World Cup took a back seat for a much anticipated vets clash.... Latimer Vets v Clapham Xaverians vets 2 December 2022**

The football festival of the World Cup took a back seat for a much anticipated vets clash. But as the world cup games have produced brilliance, shocks and tears, today game did not disappoint. Clapham went into the game looking for a much needed win following some rough, tough games against higher division sides in the cups: the captain Steve Gordon privately conceding a win was needed to bolster morale. Clapham the away side arrived at the beautiful wildfowl pitches of Barnes Elms to the realisation no changing room or shower rooms were available.

The vets parked their cars like pioneer wagons to chane modestly, we hoped this was not an omen, being so far from home. This is amateur football;

Clapham had 11 at kick off with the spectre of serial playboy Paul Latty and international jet setter Rups gracing the field following kick. Botb took their penance of running the line with a judicial rapier intelligence...urging the side on and delivering tactical gems akin to Arrigo Sacch, how we yearned for their Van Basten qualities to help. Clapham started like a team unbothered by the oppo peacocking displays at warm up. The tried and tested pre match speech from Steve Gordon resonated in the congregation with "lets go and there and enjoy it"...and yes we certainly did.

The starting line up:

A questionable Saturday morning fitness trail for the keeper (Alex Jayes) put his knee out and Damo again answered the call. But Clapham took this in their stride. Such is the Moses like search for a keeper this year! Steve Gordon right back. Mark Hignett and Spencer Grady centre backs and Gordon McCarthy left back. David Davies right mid, Martin and Ronald Centre mid, and Jonas Liss left. Up top Adam and Wes the Gunman, fleet of foot from the weight of his amateur belts being lifted.

Early exchanges on the pitch showed the oppo had a quick forward who tested Clapham's left. Clapham played out from the right, predominately in the early exchanges, fluidly with Steve, Spencer, David Davies and Ronald with live wire Martin always available. Half chances and crunching tackles ensued, Clapham were testing their oppo like a coiled cobra. Some counterpunches and needless fowls allowed the oppo some yardage. Clapham dealt with the pressure but were their own worst enemy as a ball from left back towards goal and back across the right resulted in a square ball which mis-stepped the defence and the oppo chipped a cheeky goal from the edge of the box aided by the winter wind from the Thames into the goal. Clapham's heads rattled like Mike Tyson from a Frank Bruno left hook.

Clapham put their mouth guard in and stepped out from the defence on the left, skipping a tough press releasing Jonas into the channel beyond the oppo. full back. A beautiful cross mid height with wicked pace crossed the goal, Clapham forwards pounced, and the keeper made a remarkable save but injured himself making the desperate diving interception. He makes a remarkable recovery after some minutes. More good work on the left from Jonas and David create a succession of corners. One of which comes back to the taker following a poor defensive clearance. Gordon steps on the return and crosses back on his right to the head of Wes who powers back to goal for the keeper to stop the ball but only after crossing the line. All agreed it was a goal except the man in black. Clapham continue to probe and battle with Ronald picking balls out of the sky and recycling play like a vets Thomas Partey. At every angle he receives and continued the pressure for Steve Gordon and Martin to develop play with Martin and David aided by a rejuvenated Adam. The oppo continued ploughing their long ball throw and get some success from a long ball into the corridor of uncertainty between left back Gordon and the keeper. Their fast forward forcing an ill-advised decision by our left back to ignore the cries of the out rushing stand in keeper to "leave it" leading to a forgettable goal. 2 0.

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## 96. 2022 - Vets v Latimer ..continued

Clapham were rocked but resolute. Half time comes. A Great positive half time team talk from Steve and Damo resound as Clapham feel the breath of the Ascot game where we dominated but lost. As great as the talk was all players had the 100-yard stare and the words were like a stage show hypnotist instructions to lions. Clapham had the eye of the tiger, and every player took the field internalising their personal mantra. Clapham were going to work. Left back and right back raids and crosses rocked the opposition box and the oppo were beaten down but not out. Wave after wave of play with Mark playing from the back and Martin like a force of nature winning tackle after tackle leaving the opposition squeezed into their half. The play was as good as we've seen this year at Ascot and some great technical play. Rups on for Adam offered another target and pulled their centre back out of position for Ronald to dribble through the defence only to be brought down cynically. Gordon, stand in for Jason free kick taker , played a ball over the wall from the right to the back post. Ronald is the only player bar the oppo keeper to anticipate and challenge the ball as it heads for the far post, with the deftest flick he passes beyond the on rushing keeper nesting the ball into the net. 2 - 1. We're back in it. 75 mins gone.

More pressure from Clapham without response and tactical change from Steve to push Mark into midfield, gambling on 3 at the back. Wave after wave of attacks leading to corner after corner. A smart turn and shot from Martin, with minutes left, from the edge of the box result in a fingertip save over the bar from the keeper. Less than 3 mins on the clock. This must be the last opportunities worthy of a world cup knock out game. A tired late in swinging corner from the right from Gordon only reaches the edge of the box perpendicular to the near post but Mark anticipates and rises like a golden eagle to meet the ball above all to nestle in the top right of the goal. Mark snatches his glory like a silvery fish in his talons. A roar can be heard echoing across the fields and on to the river Thames beyond. The normally quite Mark (Rolls Royce of a player) celebrates his fantastically deserved equaliser. Clapham hearts rise as they continue to inquire for an elusive winner.

### The ref blows. 2-2 all.

What did we learn? We are a decent team. When we trust each other and have each others backs, despite mistakes, we really can play any team off the park. Our confidence can be dented easily but we have the quality to dominate possession and can beat any team in this new league. It was a privilege to play with you all today. Up the Clapham.

**Gordon McCarthy**



As with everything else it is sad when something one is interested in comes to an end. What can be said is that all areas recorded in all letters, emails and conversations on Clapham's History, that have come my way have been included. Various publications from early Xaverian Magazines to minutes of meetings and letters made up the early decades

A wealth of information has been extracted from Concordia/ Clappers/The Xaverian/Clapham College Magazine/The Broadsheet/ COXAN/The Clapham College Express/Clapperboard ..and finally Concordia II - published for the past 10 years. The internet, Google Search and emails have brought far more focus and detail to the History of Clapham.

All twelve Chapters from 1897 to the present give only an impression of Clapham and the Xaverians, nothing can really answer, the why "us", why the Xaverians question? Well, I believe that somewhere in these hundreds of pages are the reasons why we as a group, and as individuals, still meet after 5/6/7 decades with that same "glow" and friendships which never seem to abate. There is something **Clapham** [100%] **Old** [definitely 100%] and **Xaverian** [no doubt there].

Other 60, 70 and 80 year olds cannot even name one or two people from there class at school some of us after more than 60 years can still recite the names of their "A" or "Alpha" classes. They remember their football and cricket buddies and married sisters [their friends] and some are still close friends after over nearly 80 years [i.e. the two Bernards]. Our Association still grows..another two dozen "new" Life Members since Christmas..... Madness, Xaverian madness....

**"Concordia res parvae crescunt" [aeternum] [forever]**