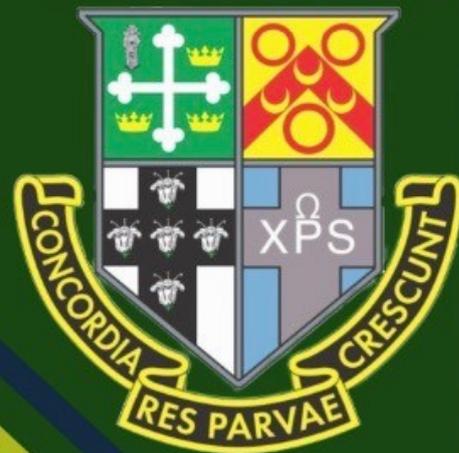


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Clapham Old Xaverians



125 Years of Clapham College

Chapter 4 - 1920 to 1930



War is over, the College Grows

Iconic 1920s photograph [if only those dogs could talk]



Brother Bernardine and his staff Clapham College 1927



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Foreword.

I HAVE been asked to write a foreword to this, the first number of *Concordia*, the Magazine of the Clapham Old Xaverians' Association.

I do so gladly and am delighted to assist at the launch of the new venture. Old Boys' Associations and their magazines have their vicissitudes, as we have reason to know, but I hope that *Concordia* may meet with a calm sea and a prosperous voyage.

The School has at various times owned sundry small literary craft which have either foundered or been dry-docked; at present we are grateful to *Concordia* for finding accommodation for our cargo.

Both Old Boys and present Students will find much to interest them, and the magazine should serve as a link to unite the two Sections.

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.

I like the choice of the title of the magazine, suggested by the motto of our Congregation: “*Concordia res parvae crescunt*,” and if the Association lives up to Sallust's dictum, its success is assured.

I hope that all old boys will join the official Association and will continue to be active members. We are proud of our boys and know perfectly well that the School's best recommendation is the behaviour of its boys.

In this connexion I should like to quote a paragraph I read recently in an Annual issued from our School in Louisville, Ky.

“Remember that human beings differ from the products of a gigantic factory which turns out thousands of machines daily and stamps on each one a trade-mark that denotes the same degree of efficiency in each machine. Such machines must respond to the laws of mechanical energy, but the human machine may respond or refuse to respond to the principles laid down as its rule of conduct.”

This of course is a commonplace, but like other commonplaces it is apt to be overlooked.

BRO. BERNARDINE, C.F.X.



Our Portrait Gallery.

No. 1 Rev. Bro. Bernardine, C.F.X.—Our President.

Bro. Bernardine the Headmaster of the College is Provincial of the English Province of the Xaverian Brothers and we are fortunate indeed in having him as our President. As with all of the Brothers, we have only to make our needs known and every endeavour is made to help us. But one instance of many, Bro. Bernardine very kindly wrote the Foreword to our first issue giving us the Official Blessing. He also, not infrequently without personal inconvenience, graces our General Meetings and Annual Dinners.

Bro. Bernardine has been Head of Clapham, since 1921. His favourite subjects are Latin and Chemistry and he is an accomplished musician. We are more fortunate than is perhaps generally realised, in his interest in our functions, as we know that he greatly dislikes public speaking. This is to be regretted as, when he can be enticed out of his shell, he is very interesting.

3. 1928 - The College Parrott dies, [not a Norwegian Blue]

News has reached us of the death of the College parrott, after a blamelessly virginal life of 27 years. Epitaphs are not exactly our long suit—neither is verse—but it was felt that some fitting stanzas should be written as there is a fair amount of scope for the treatment of such a theme.

We first tried the Tennysonian style with :—

“Toll the bell softly; the minute bell toll
To honour the passing of poor pretty Poll”

but found the strain too great to be kept up for the space that required filling. We next tried some of the potted form of verse which is popular in America to-day. This ran :—

“Bell toll
For Poll
Long hol;
From Coll.”

It was considered on more mature consideration to be too utterly utter and we then tried something simpler and homelier, viz. :—

“Our mirth changed to melancholy
When the College lost its Polly.
What she died of no-one knows—
No! It was not psittacosis.”

At the time of going to press, the post of Poet Laureate remains unfilled. We are open to receive the offer provided the money is good and we are only expected to write poetry as the spirit moves us.

Joking apart, however, we feel sure that there are many among our readers who can improve on the above effort and we shall be glad to receive contributions of any kind with a view to their publication in the next issue; so send them along and leave the rest to us.

THE EDITOR.

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4. 1929 Clapham Ramblers take to the fields

RAMBLING SECTION.

Section Secretary—G. C. H. SHARPE, 256 Melfort Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

Since its inauguration in January last, this Section has held 15 rambles. The following is a brief resumé of the rambles up to the end of July.

JAN. 6th :	Epsom Downs, Headley, Boxhill, Epsom.
JAN. 19th :	Coulsdon, Reigate Hill, Merstham, Coulsdon.
FEB. 17th :	Leatherhead, Friday St., Abinger, Effingham Junc.
MAR. 3rd :	Caterham, Oxted, Bletchingley, Caterham.
MAR. 17th :	Orpington, Eynsford, Shoreham, Orpington.
MAR. 29th :	Chipstead, Bletchingley, Betchworth, Kingswood.
APR. 14th :	Croydon, Addington, Tatsfield, Croydon.
APR. 28th :	Oxted, Edenbridge, Toys Hill, Oxted.
MAY 12th :	Orpington, Shoreham, Chevening, Orpington.
MAY 22nd :	Purley, Oxted, Merstham, Coulsdon.
MAY 26th :	Oxshott, Bysfleet, Ockham, Coleham.
JUNE 9th :	Kingswood, Dorking, Headley, Kingswood.
JUNE 23rd :	Woldingham, Tatsfield, Westerham, Woldingham.
JULY 7th :	Caterham, Outwood, Godstone, Caterham.
JULY 21st :	Burford Bridge, Leith Hill, Friday Street, Burford Bridge.

Only one ramble was postponed, due to inclement weather, and on one other heavy rain was experienced *en voyage*.

Rambles will be held on the following dates in this year : September 1st and 15th and 29th ; October 13th and 27th ; November 10th and 24th ; December 8th and 22nd ; and approximately every fortnight in 1930.

If any member of the C.O.X.A. cares to attend on any of these dates, he should inform the Hon. Secretary, who will send details as to time of train, point of departure, etc.

“Rambling Without Tears.”

During the winter it is proposed to arrange a series of visits on Saturday and Sunday afternoons to various places of interest, such as a telephone exchange, gas-works, biscuit factory, electric power station, etc. Full details will be published later of these visits.

(*Stop Press*—Since the receipt of the foregoing, we hear that a brewery will also be among the places of interest. Any members seen returning from this outing trundling barrels will not be invited to any future rambles—*Ed.*)

Below is a short list of our proposed activities which includes three vacant dates for completion when the Southern Railway issues its “List of Special Ramblers’ Trains.” By utilising these trains, we take advantage of the cheap fares to the South Downs and Ashdowne Forest country.

It only remains for me to extend once again a cordial invitation to any members who care to join us.

Sept. 23rd—Leatherhead (Ranmore Common and Flackhurst Downs) Fare 2/-. Balham 9.55.

Oct. 28th—To be arranged.

Nov. 23rd—Horsley (Pitch Hill and Leith Hill) Fare 3/-. Balham

5. Excerpts from the first Concordia -

House Reports - Walsingham

Walsingham.

On the whole, I am satisfied with the performance of Walsingham in the past year. We have assuredly had a hard battle, but, although ultimately beaten by Charterhouse, we gained a meritorious second place. In the Easter and Christmas terms we gained 85 points.

Three games were played in the House Football Cup. We routed Glastonbury in our first match scoring 9 goals to their 4. In the game against Charterhouse, after a gallant fight, we lost, 7-0. We played Canterbury in the finals, and after a thrilling, hard-fought game, we beat them, 1-0. Our position in football was second.

In the Summer term, the first outstanding event was the Inter-House Sports. In this we were let down by a certain member of Upper V, who gained only 2 points in the Heats, and should have shown better spirit. In the Junior finals, O'Sullivan came third in the 440 yds. and Totman third in the 880 yds. The latter was the only Walsingham member of the twenty who entered for this race. In the Senior finals, Benito came third in the 100 yds. and 220 yds. He also won the Long Jump and the High Jump, a performance most pleasing to both House and Captain. The Relay Race was won by Walsingham. Glastonbury was in the running, but at the last lap, mishandled the baton, and Walsingham took the lead and won easily.

In the Inter-House cricket-matches, Walsingham played Glastonbury, and the fielding was indeed praiseworthy. First Innings, Walsingham 46, Glastonbury 48. Second Innings, Walsingham 40 for 3 (dec.), Glastonbury 35. In the second match, against Charterhouse, we were disastrously defeated.

Walsingham won the Tennis Cup easily in the doubles. The display in each match by the Walsingham competitors was very commendable.

In the Summer Terminal Exam, Walsingham pulled up wonderfully, the class-work of Walsingham for the year has been extremely good, and made up for certain deficiencies in sport. Our final position for the year is second, Charterhouse gaining 1022 points to our 1017. We have fought a hard fight and lost, but we hope to occupy our proper position of Cock-House next year.

L. WILSON.

6. House Report from Glastonbury 1929

Glastonbury.

I am not wholly satisfied with the performance of the House this year. Some of the members, especially those belonging to the Middle School, did not seem to care whether the House came first or last. But, generally speaking, the House has improved, and it was only through very bad *luck* that Glastonbury occupied the fourth position. In the Terminal Examinations, we did not do well, and if a House is weak in the Forms, its chances of obtaining the House Championship Cup are indeed remote. In this section we were third. While speaking of the Exams, I must congratulate *those* members of the House in Lower III, who gained nearly half the points accumulated in this section.

In the subject of Art, we did exceedingly well. Bellamy must be congratulated on his brilliant efforts, which, perhaps, brought the House well above any of the others.

The less *said* about the Inter-House Football and Cricket games the better. In the Sports, we were exceedingly unfortunate in coming no higher than third. After the Heats had been run we occupied the second position. In the Finals, however, the juniors let us down badly. The seniors did very well *indeed*. Squires won the 100 yds. and 220 yds. Young was third in the 880 yds. and Dunster was second in the 440 yds., third in the High Jump, and first in the mile, in which he broke the previous record (held by M. Lall) by 23 seconds. In the relay race, the third runner, slipped while handing the baton to our last man.

Once again, Glastonbury showed that even if they have little brain they have plenty of brawn, for they won the Boxing Cup. Dunster easily overcame Ravenscroft of Charterhouse in the Heavy-Weight section. Crook and Rees won the Middle-and Light-Weight sections respectively. Thus we won three events out of four. In Physical Training we occupied last place, but Hulley won the junior Gym Championship.

So, we are last, but I am convinced that in time we shall occupy the first place—that is, if the Lower Third members continue their brilliant efforts, and the zeal they have shown.

G. FUREY.

7. Charterhouse Report in 1929 for the first Concordia

Clapham College News.

Charterhouse.

I am extremely pleased with the fine performance of Charterhouse in gaining the premier position. In the terminal examinations at Easter, we did much better than was expected, securing second place, a small margin behind Walsingham, whose only hope of becoming Cock-House lay in gaining a substantial lead in the Examinations. This fine achievement was a good omen for Charterhouse, who, knowing their salvation to be in the gaining of as many points as possible from the sporting side of school life, did their very best, with enthusiasm and fervour. Despite the fact that there were only two members of the First Eleven in our House Team, we had no difficulty in disposing of the other Houses by substantial margins.

Charterhouse opened the Summer Term in fine fettle with the knowledge that they were top-house. Despite this, they did not rest on their oars, but worked well to try and increase their slender lead.

The Sports Cup, another Charterhouse trophy, was secured for another year. This fine accomplishment was due more to team work than to individual efforts. The Junior High Jump was won by Sanger who surprised us by beating Hall, another Carthusian, who started favourite but finished second.

After securing the Sports Cup and Football Shield, Charterhouse looked around for fresh worlds to conquer, the Cricket Shield making a strong appeal to them. In spite of the fact that we had only one Cap in our team, we were a good side, although rather young. We won our first match (against Canterbury) with 50 runs to spare. In the Inter-House Final, Charterhouse was matched against Walsingham. Charterhouse won this match with ease, and were required to bat only once.

Charterhouse again did well in the Summer Terminal Examinations, and despite the brave endeavours of Walsingham, who cut down our slender lead of 7 to 5, we gained the position that is just and fitting to a House of a calibre such as Charterhouse's.

W. E. J. TALBOT.

8. 1929 House Report Canterbury

Canterbury.

Canterbury has had an exceptionally unsatisfactory year. Owing to the efforts of R. Reynier, we won the Gymnastic Cup, this being the only trophy we gained. The House only just escaped bottom place by a mere five points. Much of the credit for our retaining third place must be given to several individual members of the House. There was no Team work.

We were exceedingly unfortunate during the football season, not once being able to field our strongest eleven. Consequently we won only one match—against Glastonbury. Even during the cricket season, misfortune dogged our footsteps, as our team was sadly depleted through injury and illness. We were defeated by Charterhouse by fifty runs.

Our hopes ran high when we were so successful on the final day of the Sports. Young Browne carried off all his five events in the Junior section, broke two records (220 yds. and 440 yds.), and did much to win the Junior Relay for us. Then Hodges broke two records in the Senior section, and much depended upon the Relay race. Again bad *luck* overtook us, but we managed to finish third.

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The House worked well at classwork during the year, and I had hopes that we would distinguish ourselves in this direction, but the members made poor progress in their studies during the Final Term, and we finished last.

I am glad to say that we have secured the most promising set of new members (fresh from Hollywood Preparatory School) that I have seen for a long time, and I have high hopes that during the coming year Canterbury will retrieve the prestige which it lost in the year 1928-29.

J. SKELTON.

9. Br. Bernadine - a great Headmaster at Clapham

Br. Bernadine. John Barry.
Born Jan. 12th. 1875 London Father: John
Entered Mayfield as Aspirant 19.8.1891. Received Habit July 19th. 1892
Passed London University B.A. Examination 1915. Professed Dec. 3rd 1895
Transferred from Mayfield to Clapham 16.8.1897.
" " Clapham to Manchester 1910 as Superior
Local Superior at Manchester 1910 to ~~1.1915~~ 4.1915. again 9.1916 to 9.1922
Transferred from Manchester to Clapham Sept. 1922. Headmaster
Local Superior at Clapham 1922 to 1928.
Appointed 4th Provincial of England 9.1925 & continued to 15.8.1931.
Local Superior at Clapham again 9.1932 to 14.9.1937.
Transferred from Clapham to Rome 6.10.1938 (3rd General Councillor)
Resigned from Gen. Council 11.1938 & transferred to Clapham 2.12.1938.
Transferred from Clapham to Forthunt (Aberdovey) 9.1940 (Local sup.)
Transferred from Forthunt (Aberdovey) to Manchester 9.1941 (Local sup.)
Appointed 7th Provincial of England 31.7.1947
Died in St. John & St. Elizabeth Hospital, London 16th April 1950.

Brother Bernadine loved Clapham College, he was charge on four occasions being the Head for over twenty years. He set the "tone" of education at the College and seemed to be the founder of "**the Clapham Way**", whatever that was/is, but all of us who went there "feel it". He ran the entire Xaverian Order in England from Clapham and overspent hugely, much to the anger of the other Xaverian Colleges. He dominated the College direction in the 1920s.

10. Two Brothers at Clapham College in the 1920s

93	Br. Philip	Philip Webb.
	Born Feb. 26, 1867 in London.	Entered Oct 4, 1878
	Made Oct 17, 1883	Professed May 31, 1888
	Transferred from	to Mayfield Oct. 1883.
	" " Mayfield to Clapham.	7.10.1897
	" " Clapham to Manchester	1913
	" " Manchester to ^{Brighton} Clapham.	1910 1924.
	" " Clapham to Mayfield	18.8.1924.
	" " Mayfield to Clapham.	1925

99	Br. Paul	Pamphyle L'ighebut.
Father: Isidore Mother: Marie (Maes)	Born Feb. 3rd. 1869 Baptised 1869 St. Pierre, Merchem Entered 31.5.1885. Bruges	Nesken, Belgium.
	Received habit July 31st, 1885	Professed Jan. 27, 1890
	Transferred from Bruges to Mayfield	19.3.1889.
	" " Mayfield to Hammersmith	23.1.1893.
	" " Hammersmith to Clapham	20.5.1897.
	" " Clapham to Brighton	7.5.1940 (sickness)
	" " Brighton to Mayfield	18.9.1940.
	Died at Mayfield 20.9.1940 R.F.P.	

1919	Br. Vincent, Headmaster: Hollywood bought (built c. 1783).
1922	Br. Bernardine, Headmaster: 276 on roll.
1924	Vacant possession of Hollywood obtained. A Preparatory department is opened therein.
1927	The Clapham Old Xaverians' Association was established.

11. The last days of the "20s" at Clapham - the English Brothers



Fifth Row: (top) + Sampson + + Iolynid + Brad +
 Fourth Row: + Clement + + + + + + + + + Augustine + + + + + Blyeston
 Third Row: Damian, Jerome, Anselm, John, + + + + + Alphonse + + + + + + + +
 Second Row: Pius, Ignatius Dunstan, Patrick, Matthias, Gregory, Brendan, Hugh, Gabriel, Aidan +
 Seated: + Bonaventure + Mark, Paul, Alexis + Thomas, Bernadine + Gerard + + + + +
 Bishop Amigo, Aloysius Clarkson, Cyril, Marcellus, + Bede, Xavier + +

A huge gathering at Clapham College, the English Province led by the Brothers at Clapham, therefore it was the venue for "gatherings" - possibly the "peak" of the Xaverians in England.

The Chapel in the 1920s, a dark and sombre place, with large statues on both sides and a huge organ at the back - when was that removed? Stations of the Cross - very impressive.



12. I assume the "accommodation" for 300 boys was pupils [not boarders].



The Main School and House.

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ACCOMMODATION FOR 300 BOYS

Two minutes from Clapham South Underground Station.

PROSPECTUS on APPLICATION to the PRINCIPAL

13. The Clapham College 1st XI 1928/29 - some "very" young stars there!



1ST XI 1928-9.

'Concordia' (An Exhortation not an Appeal).

"Concordia res parvae crescunt." The slogan of our masters, our school and ourselves. A large, far too large, proportion of Old Boys, both in and out of C.O.X.A. would do well to consider its meaning. It is, all things considered, singularly appropriate.

There must be considerably more than a thousand Old Boys who are in touch with the school, yet only a hundred have come together.

Of this hundred many are extremely apathetic towards the Association's aims and ideals, and the work which must be done to insure success is left in almost every direction to the same few; too few.

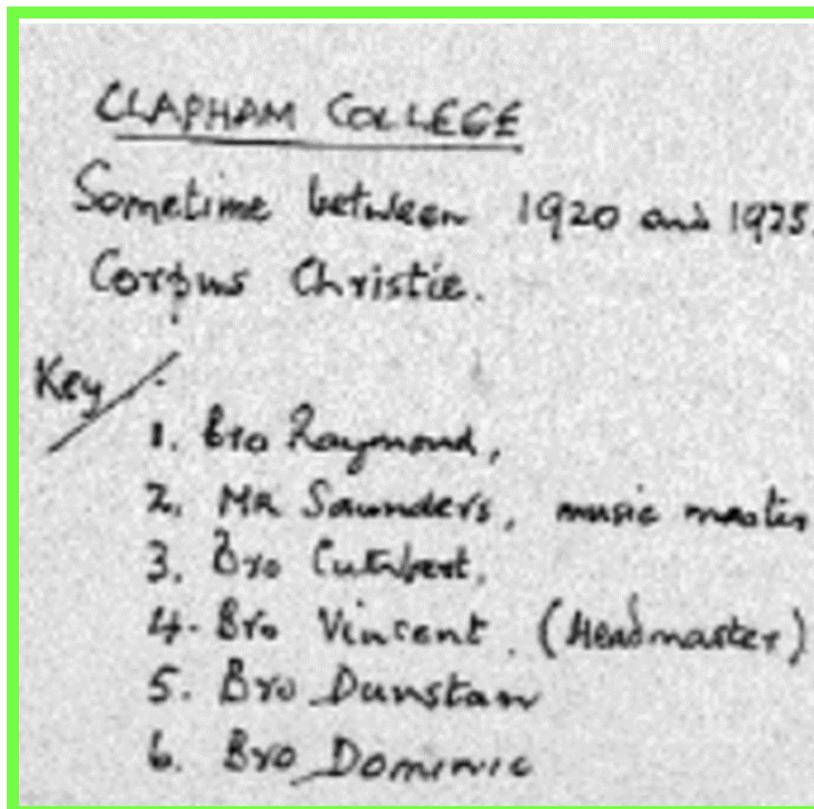
It is now up to the hundred who have so far responded to act their motto and all work together to make a great success of the Association which has come through its first years with Flying Colours. Let every member determine to rope in one new member at least; do this every year and make our numbers 1,000 in 5 years.

Now C.O.X. 'Altogether' we are at the moment 'a small thing' in body, but 'large in spirit.' "Let us grow."

J. PINDER.

An EXHORTATION, not an APPEAL from John Pinder, the elder brother of William Pinder, who you will discover more of later. John was one of the early Old Boys, Richard was still at the College in the "20s", and "into" his sport.

14. The feast of Corpus Christi in the late 1920s



The College on the feast of Corpus Christi. Nice to see the “posed” photograph on the lawn, a brilliant record of the event. Are the four banners English Martyrs, or are they the 4 Houses? Nice to see the dogs “overseeing” proceedings, the window canopies look classic, as do the shutters. Huge number of altar servers; the Pre School in their “shorts” in the front row. Wonderful to see the names of the Brothers; one lay teacher Mr Saunders [Music]. It’s a pity they had to put the “stickers” over their faces [added later one hopes].

15. The First COXA Annual Dinner + “the Legend”

The first of many for a century, some were flops, socially and financially, but they kept coming!

1st Annual Dinner 1928

The first Annual Dinner of the Clapham Old Xaverian Association was held at the "Wheatsheaf" Hotel on Saturday, December 8th, 1928. The Revd. Brother Aloysius, C.F.X., presided, the Revd Brother Willard, C.F.X., Sir Frederick Barthorpe, and his brother, Mr. C. F. Barthorpe, were also present. In all over a hundred members of the Association and their ladies were gathered together for what was socially the most important and enjoyable of all the functions organised by the Association.

A musical programme ~was· given during the evening. Miss Winifred White (soprano), Miss Mabel Willis-Browne (violin), Mr. Toni. Robertson (baritone), Mr. John Comden, (tenor), Mr Bernard Newman (humourist) and Mr. John Edwards, A.R.C.M., contributed to the programme.

Brother Dunstan in his “prime” at the College in the “20s”



16. Sports and Athletics Day 1925

J. M. Pinder

CLAPHAM (XAVERIAN) COLLEGE



Programme

OF

ATHLETIC SPORTS

SATURDAY, JULY 4th, 1925

Beginning at 3 p.m.



Judges :

Br. ANTONY, C.F.X. W. R. BAMBRIDGE, Esq. F. G. SANDERS, Esq.

Starter :

J. FLEMING, Esq.

Timekeepers :

Br. DUNSTAN, C.F.X.
T. F. BAGGALEY, Esq.

Official Scorers :

Br. DOMINIC, C.F.X. H. J. PARKINSON, Esq.

Committee :

S. HARRIS.
J. PINDER.
F. PEREZ.

M. LALL.
S. RUTTER.
D. BEESON.

F. DUNWORTH
W. MACER.
F. DANCER.

Hon. Organising Secs.

Br. LEO, C.F.X.
Bro. SYLVESTER, C.F.X.

17. "On the TRACK" - Head Boy wins the Mile - 5 minutes 33 secs.

PROGR

Nice to see "The Sack Race" breaks up the serious racing!

EVENT.	WINNERS.		
	1st	2nd	3rd
1. † * MILE 5 m. 53½ secs.	M. Lall	F. Hindle	F. Dancer
2. * 100 YARDS.			
Open	10 3/5 Lall	Wardle	Starnis
Under 16	12 3/5 Rutter	Wardle	Starnis
Under 15	13 3/5 Lyon	Watson	Cox
Under 14	13 3/5 Rutter	Othwell	Clock
Under 13	13 3/5 R. Rutherford	Benito	Bell
Under 12	15 Madden	Nixon	Kenny
3. * 220 YARDS.			
Open	21 3/5 Lall	Wardle	Wardle
Under 16	27 3/5 Madden	Fugate	Barnett
Under 15	27 3/5 Rutter	Wardle	Starnis
Under 14	30 Lyon	Othwell	Cox
Under 13	31 Rutter	Elcock	O'Sullivan
Under 12	32 Madden	Wardle	Wardle
4. * 440 YARDS.			
Open	1-2 Lall	Wardle	Jones
Under 16	1-10 Rutter	Starnis	Wardle
Under 15	1-11 Othwell	Cox	Watson
Under 14	1-12 Rutter	Beard	Clock
Under 13	1-14 Madden	Benito	Groser
5. SACK RACE.			
Open	Cromer		
Under 16	Cromer		
Under 15	Cromer		
Under 14	Cromer		
Under 13	Cromer		
Under 12	Cromer		
6. INTER-FORM RELAY.	VI	Vava	Lower V

† Decided previous to S
* Counts towards Section

18. More Races and Results from 1925

EVENT.	WINNERS.		
	1st	2nd	3rd
7. * LONG JUMP. Open 17' 7 1/2" Under 16 17' †Under 15 15ft. 10in. †Under 14 14ft. 9in.	Call Rutter M. Liboz J. Rutter	Harris Hindle W. Ottewill D. Baker	Jones J. Brook F. Flattery
8. * 880 YARDS. Open 25.25 †Under 16 2 m. 42 secs. †Under 15 2 m. 50 secs. †Under 14 2 m. 59 secs.	Harris F. Hindle W. Ottewill J. Rutter	Call S. Rutter A. Cox J. Slattery	PINDER D. Croise M. O'Sullivan J. O'Sullivan
INTERVAL.			
9. POTATO RACE. Open Under 16 Under 15 Under 14 Under 13	Wamla ... ... ... ...	... ... ... ... ...	Jones
10. * HIGH JUMP. Open 4' 9 1/2" Under 16 †Under 15 4ft. 5in. †Under 14 4ft. 2in.	Ravenhill Rutter M. Liboz J. Rutter E. Potterill	Call G. Watson & M. O'Sullivan (tie) L. Phillips	Rancey
11. OBSTACLE RACE. Open Under 16 Under 15 Under 14 Under 13	Ravenhill Cromer		
12. TUG-OF-WAR. IVa v. IVd Up. Va v. Rest of School School v. Visitors School v. Band	JVa Rest School School		
Day.			

Again amongst all the "proper racing" nice to see the College had room for the potato race, the obstacle race and the Tug-of-War. Although I'm sure the latter was competitive. Good to see the "visitors" got involved - beaten by the School!

19. The Band - The London [OAR] Regiment

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BAND of the 23rd LONDON REGIMENT

Under the direction of Bandmaster J. W. POOLE.



∴ PROGRAMME ∴

1. March	...	"Children of the Regiment"	...	...	<i>Fucik</i>
2. Overture	...	"Lustspiel"	...	...	<i>Keler Bela</i>
3. Fox Trot	...	"After the Storm"	...	...	<i>Nelson</i>
4. Selection	...	"The Girl in the Train"	...	...	<i>Fall</i>
5. Valse	...	"The Valse of Love"	...	...	<i>Yellan</i>
6. Two Step	...	"Avona"	...	...	<i>Grey</i>
		"Melody in F"	...	...	<i>Rubenstein</i>
7. Selection	...	"A Musical Switch"	...	...	<i>Alford</i>
8. One Step	...	"Welsh Medley"	...	...	<i>Somers</i>

1. March	...	"El Abanico"	...	...	<i>Jacalopes</i>
2. Overture	...	"Le Diademe"	...	...	<i>Herman</i>
3. Valse	...	"Gold and Silver"	...	...	<i>Fall</i>
4. Selection	...	"H.M.S. Pinalore"	...	...	<i>Sullivan</i>
5. Fox Trot	...	"Sahara"	...	...	<i>Nicholls</i>
6. Intermezzo	...	"Fragrance"	...	...	<i>Anclige</i>
7. Fantasia	...	"Cavalleria Rusticana"	...	...	<i>Mascagni</i>
8. Galop	...	"Post Horn Galop"	...	...	<i>Koenig</i>

Complex and incomplete - lack of funds meant Memorial was never built.

Anderson A.	10th. (Scottish) Bn. The King's (Liverpool Regiment). Killed at Hooge. June 16th. 1915.
Anderson, D.H. 2nd.Lt.	2nd. Bn. Black Watch (Royal Highlanders). Killed Kut Relief, April 22, 1916.
d'Argosuves, O.	1er d'Infanterie, Armee Française.
<i>Anderson see as list</i>	
Bagnall, V. Corporal.	6th. Bn. Manchester Regt.
Bailey, E.P.A. 2nd.Lt.	Welsh Regt. Killed Nov 24, 1917.
Barral, A.	157th. Alpine Infantry, French Army.
Barsby, C.	
Barthorpe, A. Lieut.	14th. Bn. London Regt. (London Scottish) Apr. 1918.
M Birtles, H. Lieut.	Royal Air Force. Killed South West 12 April 1918
Byrd, P.A.S.	2nd. King Edward's Horse. Mar. 10th. 1917.
M Bridge, H.W.	18th. Bn. Manchester Regt. Feb. 22th. 1915. July 1.
M Frederick, J.	Royal Engineers (East Lancashire). Killed at Dardanelles, Sept. 10th. 1915.
Buchanan, G.W.B. Sergt.	5th. Bn. Royal Dublin Fusiliers, attached R.A.F. Killed Mar. 16th. 1917.
Bulbeck, H.R. 2nd.Lt.	16th. Bn. Royal Fusiliers. Wounded in Gallipoli Killed in France, Nov. 6th. 1916.
M Byrne F.J.	Irish Guards. Died in Manchester from Pneumonia.
Byrne, L.F. Lieut.	Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Irish). Killed July 1st. 1916.
<i>Byrnes see M/F</i>	
Cannan, D.	16th. Bn. Lond. Regt. (Queen's Westminster Rifles) Killed March 1918.
M Carroll, C. Corporal	10th. Bn. Royal Dublin Fusiliers, Died of wounds on Somme, Feb. 1917.
Casler, G. Interpreter	Armee Belge. Died in Hospital.
Clements, J.B.	7th. Bn. London Regt. Killed at Vimy Ridge. May 21st. 1918.
Crawford-Wood, S. Lieut.	South Wales Borderers. Killed July 1, 1916.
Crawford-Wood, L. 2nd.Lt.	East Surrey Regiment. Killed 1915.
Crossman, F.R. Corp.	Royal Army Medical Corps. Killed at Salonika Oct. 2nd. 1916.
<i>Coppé see M/F</i>	
<i>J. ...</i>	
Dagge, A.L. 2nd.Lieut.	Royal Field Artillery. Killed July 1st. 1916
Davy, J.A. 2nd. Lieut.	Royal Air Force. Killed Nov. 8th. 1916.
Denning, F.G.	3/10th. Bn. London Regt. (Hackney). Oct. 1916.
Douglas-Ross, D.H.J.	Sergeant. 1st. Bn. Rifle Brigade Oct. 23, 1916
B. David F.	<i>Scots + Fife Highlanders.</i>
<i>Reid name see M/F</i>	
Reeles, C.	Canadians. July, 1917.
ELLIOTT, C. Lieut.	Royal Air Force, Dec. 1917.
Elliott, E. Lieut.	Royal Air Force, Dec. 1917.
Klphick, K. 2nd.Lieut.	Royal Irish Rifles. Died of wounds Sept. 28'16.
Farrow, C. 2nd. Lieut.	3rd. Dorset Regt. 1918.
Featherstonhaugh, A.P.	Sergeant. 5th. Bn. London Regt. (London Rifle Brigade). Killed near Ypres May 2nd. 1918.
Fowler, C.R.	Honourable Artillery Company. Killed near Ypres March 18th. 1918.
Fox, G. Sergt.	The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regt.).
Frost, P.W.	Royal Fusiliers. Found frozen to death Gallipoli, Nov. 28th. 1915.
<i>Frost see M/F</i>	

21. Another list collating the Roll of Honour [in the 1920s] some Clapham "C"

George, H.	12th. Bn. Royal Fusiliers, May 21st, 1916.
Gouge, W.	4th. Bn. The Buffs (East Kent Regt.), Dec. 1915
Green, T.	Grenadier Guards, Dec. 24th, 1915.
C. Gudgeon, S.R. Capt., M.C.	Royal Garrison Artillery. Killed Beaumont Hamel
Gully, C.	Gordon Highlanders. Killed at Beaumont Hamel
C. Gills, L.H. Capt. M.C.	Nov. 13, 1916.
C. G. Herlihy, G.	<i>3rd E. Force, killed in France. Sept. 1918.</i>
Halwell, F.	<i>Killed.</i>
Hardman, R.T.H. Lieut.	1st. Bn. Royal Canadian Regt. Killed at
Hayes-Bowington, C.W.	Givenshy, June 17, 1916.
Hayes-Bowington, R.H.	Royal Engineers. Killed July 1, 1916. Science
Hennessey, I.	Master, Laverian College, Manchester.
Heshea, F.	Captain. 2nd. Bn. Cheshire Regt. Killed at
Hotherhall, R.H.	Fresenberg, May 8th, 1916.
C. Hughes, B.	Captain. The King's (Liverpool Regt).
Hutchison, G.	R.M.S. Good Hope. Drowned, Battle of Coronel,
	off Valparaiso, Nov. 1, 1914.
	Royal Garrison Artillery.
	6th. Hauraki Coy. New Zealanders. Killed
	in France Apr. 3, 1918.
	1st. Royal Canadians.
	Killed Aug. 8th, 1918.
C Jackson, J. Corporal	2/14th. Bn. London Regt (London Scottish).
Jackson, H.	Killed at Rooze, Aug. 16, 1917.
Jarvis, L.	The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regt.).
C Jones, J.	Army Service Corps.
Joy, R.S. 2nd. Lieut.	Killed March 1918.
C Judah, J.	8th. Bn. Royal Berkshire Regt. Aug. 20th. 1916
C. Vicker, A.	Armees Francaise.
	<i>Missing presumed killed.</i>
Kirkbride, J. 2nd. Lieut.	Killed Feb. 14th, 1916.
C Kirkman, H.	2/14th. Bn. London Regt. (London Scottish)
	Wounded at Loos. Died May 25, 1916.
Kirran, D.P.	22nd. London Regt. Died of wounds, France.
Kitchener, G.	May 2, 1918.
Lambert, W.	Canadians, killed Nov. 9, 1916.
C Lardner, B. 2nd. Lieut.	1st. Bn. Bedfordshire Regt. Sept. 4, 1916.
Levitino, G.	12th. Bn. Gloucestershire Regt. Sept. 7, 1916.
C Levy, F.	2/18th. Bn. London Regt (Loos, Irish Rifles)
	April 1918.
C Lidington, F.	14th. Bn. London Regt. (London Scottish)
	Missing June 1917. Believed Killed.
C Lunel, F. Lieut.	161eme d'Infanterie, Armees Francaise. Killed
	in Argonne, May 22nd, 1916.
C. Mr. Laughlin C.	<i>Mr. R. N. Killed in Action, Black Sea, Aug. 1914.</i>
Mauri, Carlitos	French Army. Killed at Ypres Aug. 22, 1914.
McClosky, J.H. Sergt.	8th. Canadian Infantry Bn. Canadian Contingent
	Killed at Vimy Ridge, April 28, 1917.
M. Culluck, R.L. Corporal.	15th. Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers. Sept. 1916
C McGrath, R. William	2/6th. Bn. The Buffs (East Kent Regt.).
	Died at home, Nov. 1917.
C McKenzie, J. Corporal	1/14th. Bn. London Regt. (London Scottish).
	Killed at Ypres, Oct. 31, 1914.
C McLaughlin, R.C. Lieut.	6th. Bn. London Regt. (Rifles). Killed at
	Festubert May 18, 1915.
C McLaughlin, W.	7th. Bn. London Regt. (Rifles). Wounded at
	Festubert, May 16, 1915, died May 20, 1915.
C McSweeney, R. 2nd. Lieut.	4th. Bn. Highland Light Infantry. Died in
	hospital at Staples, March 10, 1917.
Morgan, R.	Wireless Operator, drowned. Sined on
	Admiralty Service, Oct. 7, 1917.

Section Secretary's Reports.

CRICKET.

Secretary: D. Jones, "Inglenook," 112 Poplar Rd., Merton Park, S.W.19.

Captain: A. C. Page, 20 West Court, Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

Vice-Captain: J. O'Sullivan, 48 Foxbourne Rd., S.W.12.

A cricket meeting was held in February, when the plans for the forthcoming season were discussed and the above officers were elected.

A fairly good programme of matches has been arranged and I have every hope that we shall improve on our last season's record. We have several fixtures which should be improvements on the corresponding matches last year. It is our earnest wish to improve each year our class of fixture until we rank as a really first-rate club. In order to accomplish this it is essential that each and every member of the cricket section should support the Committee to the best of his ability. We have lost the regular services of some of last year's members, but the effect of this should be more than counteracted by the entry of several valuable new members this year.

The College have been kind enough to allow us to have the use of a practice wicket at the College on Wednesday evenings at 7 o'clock.

At the time of writing two matches have been played. Against Hillingdon we lost by 13 runs, but we beat Columbia Graphophone very convincingly by an innings and 42 runs.

Will any O.B. interested in cricket (who has not joined) kindly communicate with me or any other Officer of the Section or come along to a practice?

D. JONES.

Rambling Section.

Section Secretary: G. C. Sharpe, Esq., 256 Melfort Rd., Thornton Heath.

Up to the time of writing, little has been done in the rambling section as the weather has not been very attractive. From the end of October, until the middle of January, every Sunday on which a ramble was arranged turned out wet. Since, however, the usual fortnightly walks have been made although the number turning out is not so great as could be desired. It is hoped that this will improve as the season advances. In addition to the rambles, visits are to be made to various factories and works as soon as sufficient members are interested so that a reasonably sized party can be made.

Will members interested therefore be good enough to forward their names and addresses to the Hon. Section Sec., as soon as possible. It is proposed to make a charge of sixpence per head for each visit in order that a small gift of say—cigarettes may be made to the guide shewing the party round, and also to reffray the expenses of postage, etc. The Hon. Section Sec., would welcome any useful suggestions as to places to be visited.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

ISSUE

Report of Inspection
of
CLAPHAM COLLEGE,
WANDSWORTH,
LONDON.

Held on 11th, 12th and 13th November,
1925.

INSPECTORS.

MR. G. H. F. COOKSON, H.M.I. MR. G. H. BAKER
CAPT. F. H. GRENFELL, H.M.I. MR. L. W. PHELPS, H.M.I.
MR. I. T. PRITCHARD, H.M.I.

The first full Inspection of Clapham College, by a group of HMIs in 1925.
The quality is awful, but this is a historic document and worth inclusion.

Organisation, Etc.

1. *Head Master*.—Rev. J. BARRY, B.A. (Lond.)
2. *Number of Assistant Staff*.—15: Regular, 12; Occasional, 3
3. *Fees (Yearly)*.—Tuition, £15 15s.; Boarding, £50 0s.; Extra Subject Fees (Instrumental Music), £6.
4. *Total Number of Boys in each of the last five summer terms.*

	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Boarders ...	42	40	42	39	37
Day Scholars ...	225	230	218	222	199
Total ...	267	270	260	261	236

Statistics of Pupils.

5. *Actual Figures at date of Inspection.*

- (a) *Total Number of Boys*, 268.
- (b) *Distribution of Boarders and Day Scholars.*

Boarders ...	29	} 268
Day Scholars ...	239	

(c) *Distribution of Boys according to their age on 31 July 1925.*

Under 7 ...	24	14 and under 15 ...	45
7 and under 10 ...	20	15 " " 16 ...	27
10 " " 11 ...	31	16 " " 17 ...	16
11 " " 12 ...	45	17 " " 18 ...	4
12 " " 13 ...	36	18 and over... ..	1
13 " " 14 ...	29		

(d) *Distribution of Boys according to Forms (beginning at the lowest).*

Form.	Average age.		Number.	Form.	Average age.		Number.
	V.	X.			V.	X.	
I ...	7	7	13	Rem. IV	12	11	23
Lower II	8	7	9	IV ...	14	0	22
Upper II	9	10	26	Lower V	14	1	31
Lower III	10	10	26	Upper V	13	4	34
Upper IIIa	11	6	21	VI ...	13	10	21
Upper IIIA	12	1	32				

6. *Leaving-age of Boys over 12 who left during the last three school years.*

	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.
12 and under 13 ...	3	3	2
13 " " 14 ...	4	2	-
14 " " 15 ...	8	6	4
15 " " 16 ...	10	12	13
16 " " 17 ...	17	15	17
17 " " 18 ...	7	5	5
18 " " 19 ...	2	5	2
19 and over ...	3	-	1
Total ...	54	48	44

25. The School's most serious weakness is the staff -damning!

the use of the Office
inspectors only.

LONDON.

WANDSWORTH, CLAPHAM COLLEGE.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE WITH GOVERNING BODY.

F.I. Conference held at the College on November 13th, 1925.

Present.

Governors.

Rev. T. Wall
" E. Macarthy
" F. Hollingshead
Mr. H.W. Davies.

H.M. Inspectors.

H.M.I. Mr. Cockson (R.I.)
" Mr. Phillipe
" Mr. Pritchard.

Before the H.M., who is at present a governor, came in R.I. reminded the other governors that he could not continue to be one if the School was recognized.

When he had come in the R.I. said the school's most serious weakness was its staff. Of the 12 assistant masters only 4 were graduates and 5 were teaching for the first time. There was some discussion on this point. Mr. Phillipe explained that London Schools were almost entirely staffed with graduates. It appeared that there was no recognized machinery by which members of the Xaverian Order could get degrees, though one of the Governors, who is H.M. of the Order's school in Manchester, said that he had begun to put into operation a plan for enabling them to get Manchester degrees. This the Inspectors commended. The H.M. said that if it was necessary they would appoint more graduate laymen. The Inspectors said that some strengthening would be required if recognition was to be granted. The Governors did not appear to be surprised or to consider the demands unreasonable. In reply to a question from a Governor

as to the chances of recognition the Inspectors told G.B. that the matter rested entirely with the Board and they were unable to say.

The R.I. then turned to other things. The buildings were not generally unsatisfactory but some rooms were not properly heated. The laboratories were particularly bad in this respect. (The H.M. concurred). A Library was wanted and there was a suitable room. Some minor changes in the boarding arrangements were suggested - R.I. recommending that the young boys should be segregated.

It would be necessary if the School was recognized to have a formal and definite entrance examination. (The H.M. explained that there was one normally but that it had been omitted exceptionally this year).

The standard of work as a whole was not very high. French was weak in the earlier stages and Mathematics below the average.

NAMES OF TEACHERS MENTIONED IN THE REPORT.

JUNIOR SCHOOL.

Miss Carlin
Rev. Greene
* Hare.

HISTORY.

Miss Carlin
Mr. Fells.

FRENCH.

Rev. Hollebeke
* Clarkson
Mr. Fells
Rev. Duffy.

GERMAN.

Rev. Clarkson.

ART.

Mr. Ashburner.

MUSIC.

Mr. Sanders.

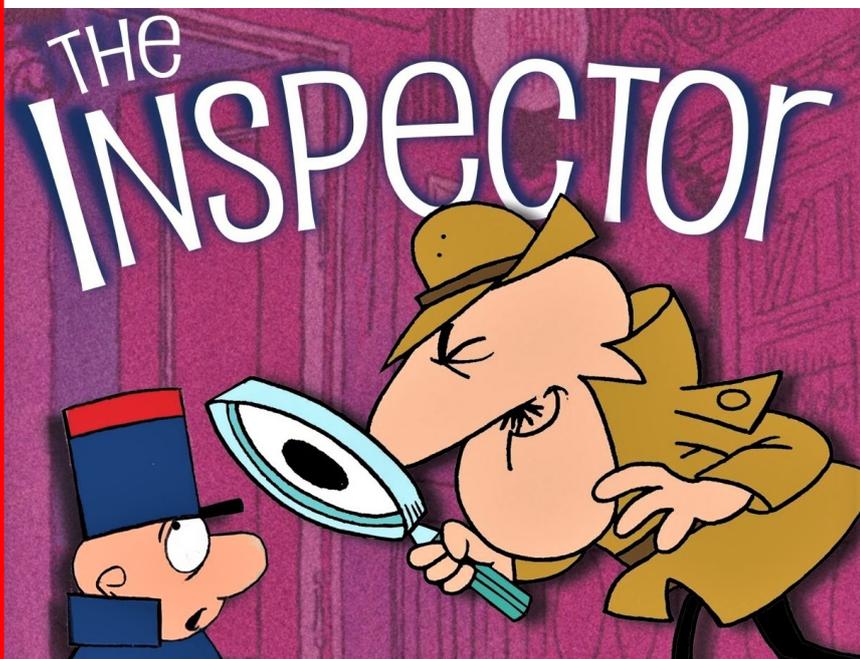
27. The Inspection - Geography and English concerns

GEOGRAPHY.

I (F.W.W.) guessed the price of this thing (the projector) to be under £1. Two of the Masters said it had cost nearly £40! Apparently they were taken in by some travelling foreigner. It is only a few inches high and is the sort of thing one would give to a child for a Christmas present.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE.

Mr. McLoughton is obviously a difficult member of the staff. It is not easy to say how far the narrowness of the teaching is due to him personally or to the orders he receives. It was impossible to say that he was so bad a teacher that he ought to be dismissed. There is little doubt that the H.M. would like to get rid of him on grounds that may not be directly connected with his teaching.



The Final recommendations of HM Inspectors 1925. The Geography Projector and the failing English Teacher. *Crushing comments*

28. The boys at Clapham College in the 1920s

The boys of the 1920s would have joined Clapham between 103 and 113 years ago. We have entered the period where I recognise some of the “names” as I met them and had conversations over a pint with a few. Names like **Don Mulverhill**, a true Clapham legend, who was a wonderful man and the most loyal, and active, of Clapham Old Xaverians.

As with the previous three decades, I finish my review of the year with “The Boys” their names and achievements. These children were highly motivated and hopeful having been brought up in the optimism years following WW1. For the purpose of this summary, I’ve organised the 650 plus boys into five groups, then looked at the 75 “most newsworthy” ones. Some obvious, some spurious, being the scribe, historian and editor-my prerogative.

My groups are: Famous [15], War Heroes [20], Prisoners of War 10, Xaverian Servants [5], Priests 10], many of these falls into more than one category [a few are in Four], Interesting, Priest, Hero, Legendary Xaverian and POW then again maybe TWO are!

PRIESTS - I select fifteen from the 1920s [there were twenty plus altogether [was a good job] - still is, [ask **Vlad and Michael Creech**]. So, **Joseph Cowie, Gerald Furey, Terry Tanner, James Durey, John Price, David Greenstock, Alphonsus Tierney, Wallie Keast, EJ Austin, William Berryman** and “top of the tree” **Gerald Lorriman**, and others left the classes of the 1920s and joined the priesthood. Some had “less colourful lives and parishes than other [St Anselms and Sy Marys]. But, being Clapham College boys – there were some stories too. Wonash and Mark’s Cross seemed the favourite seminaries. **William Horace Berryman** Clapham 1925 to 1929 had one claim to fame before he became a priest, he broke his arm in the Tuckshop [long before the days of **Ryan, Benedict and Carrucan!**]; he was holidaying in Paris when the Germans marched in but managed to make his way back to England. William served in a number of parishes in the South East before his death in the 1990s in Surrey. **Alphonsus Tierney** was another [Dominican] priest of the 1920s who went on to be Headmaster of Douai School [next to the Abbey] in Wolverhampton. He was Head from 1952 to 1973, a good innings [as was his life] he went to live until 81 years old, dying in Cheltenham in 1992. **Wallie Keast** was a Sergeant in the Intelligence Corps., in World War II [wonder if was a priest before or after then] Seemed the ideal grounding for his parish work [Colwyn Bay, Wales]. Finally [for now] Monsignor **David Greenstock** Clapham 1922 to 1927 [born Dublin], but lived the Hydethorpe Rd [same as **Wilson Bowers**, but a century apart]. Published books, had a Chichester parish and ended his life at the English School, Valencia, Spain [was appointed Domestic Prelate, by the Pope].....and then there was **Gerry Lorriman**.....

29. Famous Xaverians from the 1920s

FAMOUS XAVERIANS - this group who as lads were looking forward to a life without war, following the Great War 1914-18, it was never “on the cards” for them being heroes. Clapham Boys had died in their dozens in their lifetime and for them the future was expected to be rosy. World War II broke out, and again, their country called and they observed. Two dozen from the Chapel Roll of Honour were at school during the 1920s.

..sorry the time has come.....**Gerry Lorriman - Priest and Hero**

Doctor [member of the Royal College of Surgeons] **Gerald Lorriman** MBE, husband and father, widowed, priest [Captain Royal Medical Corps, WW2]. Demobbed to Newcastle Royal Infirmary where he stayed until he trained for the priesthood [1948]. Human Rights Activist in South Africa during Apartheid. He was appointed to the newly built church and



parish of St Mary's Nyanga, Cape Town, where he experienced the injustice of apartheid and shared in the struggle for justice. In his first year at Nyanga, he achieved notoriety for confronting armoured personnel carriers and tear gas at the funeral of four black South Africans, who had been killed the previous week in clashes with the police. He led the funeral procession in defiance of the military presence and tens of thousands flocked to join him. Lorriman was a Jesuit; part of his role was to serve Mass [as Chaplain to the prisoners on the Penal Colony of Robbens Island. He knew the prisoners personally, including **NELSON MANDELLA**, who, although a

Methodist attended Gerald's Mass on Sundays He retired aged 93, and died in Feb 2011, aged 96, he lived a full life, providing an iconic image of the anti-apartheid movement.

Thank you Gerry Lorriman, now for more famous Clapham Old Xaverians.... PTO....

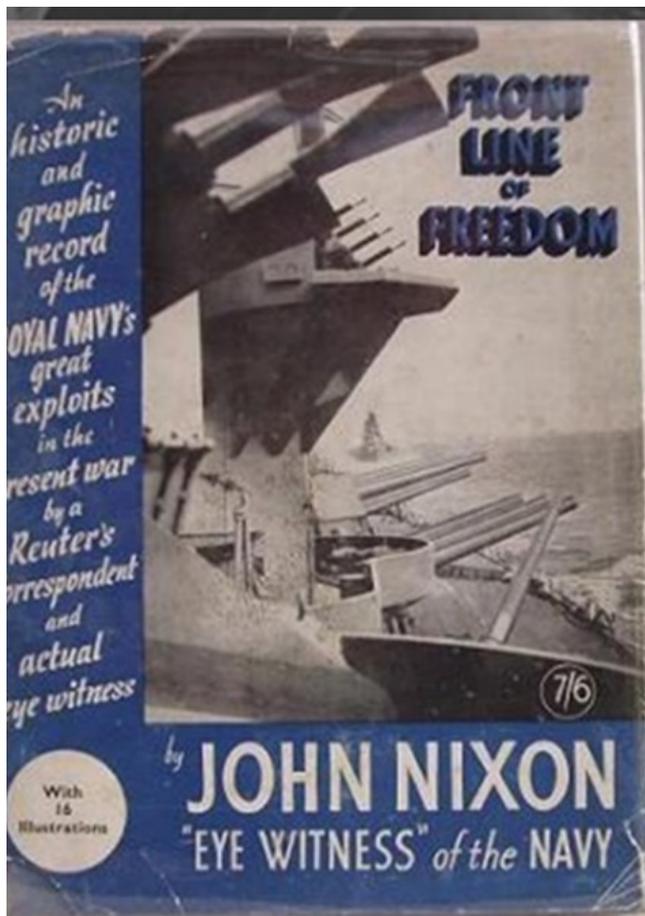
30. Famous Clapham College boys who attended in the 1920s

Talented brothers **Clifford "Dougie Nixon**, who rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and his brother **John Nixon**, a reporter for the BBC who survived reporting the War Zones, only to die when his plane was shot down over Jordan [Middle-East]

John was travelling the world reporting on the War and was later to send back information from North Africa and Greece. He also found time to write a book.

John is one of those BBC correspondents honoured on the glass spiral memorial of "continuous" text outside the BBC. It is a monument built to commemorate BBC reporters who died whilst reporting in War Zones [see overleaf].

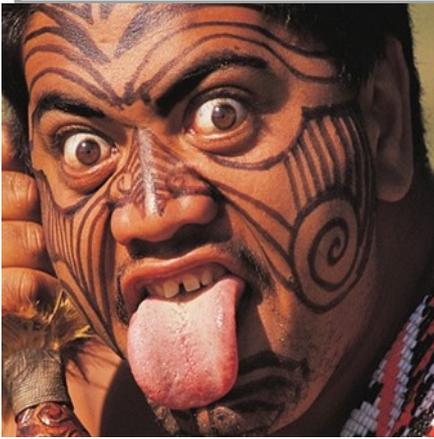
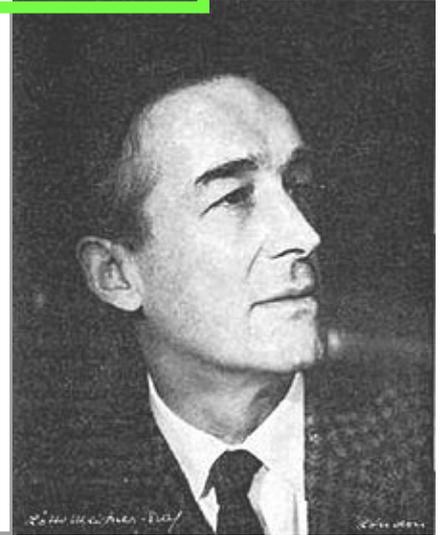
John's brother; **Major Clifford Nixon [at Clapham 1924 to 1932]** was awarded an MBE in 1945, he served with East Yorks Regiment in Burma. Their family must have been rightly proud, as we are, of their Clapham sons.



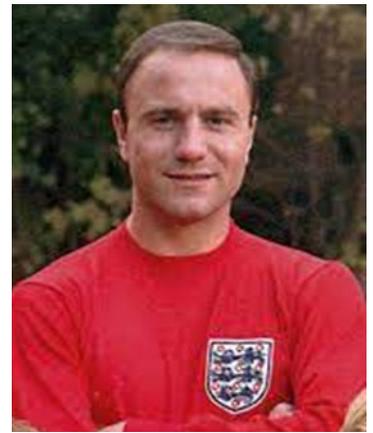
John's book "**Front Line of Freedom**" published in 1942 derived from several months spent with the Fleet and gives an eye-witness account of HMS HOOD being sunk, and the hunt and eventual sinking of the BISMARCK. He watched the first British raid on the Lofoten Islands off German-occupied Norway, and he was the first journalist allowed aboard the new battleship KING GEORGE V. He also crossed the Atlantic on escorting convoys, and accompanied the Navy hunting for surface raiders and U-boats; [you can still pick up a copy of his book] for £25 online with Amazon. After WWII John became the BBC's Middle East Correspondent, and later died when a civilian airliner en-route from Beirut to Amman was shot down by an Israeli fighter jet near the Trans-Jordan border on 23rd September, 1948. John was 39 at the time of that tragic event, and in his time as a distinguished war correspondent, had risked death many times.

31. More talented Xaverians at Clapham in the 1920s

John George Malcolm gained a CBE & KSG (28 February 1917 – 10 October 1997) was an English pianist, organist, composer, harpsichordist, and conductor. During the Second World War he had a musical role with the RAF becoming a bandleader. A devout Roman Catholic, Malcolm was awarded a Papal Knighthood for his services as Master of Music at Westminster Cathedral. Benjamin Britten engaged Malcolm in 1960 to conduct the second and third performances of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.



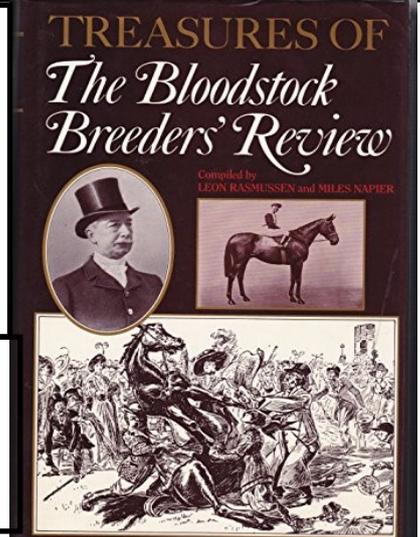
Great Names - Aluah and Aroha Russell were New Zealand Māori brothers at the College in the 1920s, whilst **George Cohen** was at Clapham College from 1924 to 1929, he and his brother Henry lived on the Pavement at Clapham “Old Town” [noy on the pavement, but at the Pavement if you follow my drift]. George is not to be confused with George Cohen [World Cup Winner 1966].



Frederick Mullaly left Clapham and became a political journalist, he was at the College from 1924 to 1929, he was also wrote a number of fictional books, seems like a good combination! **Desmond Kenny** was at the College from 1923 to 1932, he stayed on to do Higher Level Exams, a bright boy. After he left Clapham he moved up north to Lancashire for work. Nothing too spectacular here from Des, but in 1932 he scored **141 not out** battling for the Old Boys v Wandsworth Gas [would 100% have been an energy company in those days]. He played football for Bromley Town scoring **twenty out of the twenty penalties** he took for them [never missed one]. In WW2 he joined the Royal Marines.

Bernard O'Sullivan was at Clapham from 1926 to 1931 he lived at Loxley Road, near Wandsworth Common. After leaving Clapham he trained to be a reporter and succeeded, he became a Racing Journalist and later on specialist in bloodstock, going on to become an expert on horses and editor of the **Bloodstock Breeders Review**.

Bernard William Perry, lived in Creadock Street Battersea, and had a pretty unspectacular time at school, this “mirrored” his father, who at the time listed his job as a **“Potato Peeler”!**



32. Interesting Xaverian Boys at Clapham in the 1920s

Reginald George William Newell was never a “name” within the Old Boys Association, but he lived in Broxash Road near Clapham Common. Nothing much else known about him except he was a Air Raid Warden in the Second World War. This gave him time during the day to work in another “reserve career”, he was in the Agriculture Sector, tending crops of vegetables on Clapham Common. He was joined in recent years by a second “farmer” when “**Budgie**” **Byrne** bought a farm in Norfolk. That’s two farmers from the College - unless more are known?

Leslie Riley studied in the 1920s at Clapham and went on to qualify as an optician. He left London to work in an Ophthalmic Instruments factory in Somerset, interesting, but not spectacular, until you discover he had ben the “**Master**” of the **Ashford Valley Hunt**. “Foxhounds, made up of four private packs hunting mainly hare and foxes in Tenterden and Tunbridge Wells.

Richard Francis Pinder [born 18th October 1913] was taught at Clapham College from 1923 to 1926, it’s his Sports Day programme [and pencilled results”] which has been printed in this publication. He was mentioned as being an outstanding sportsman and brilliant student. Upon leaving Clapham he was offered a place at the **Sorbonne in Paris** and went on to teach in a school in Marseilles. [do you remember the “struggles” in French lessons for “South London boys - he must have been a real talent!]

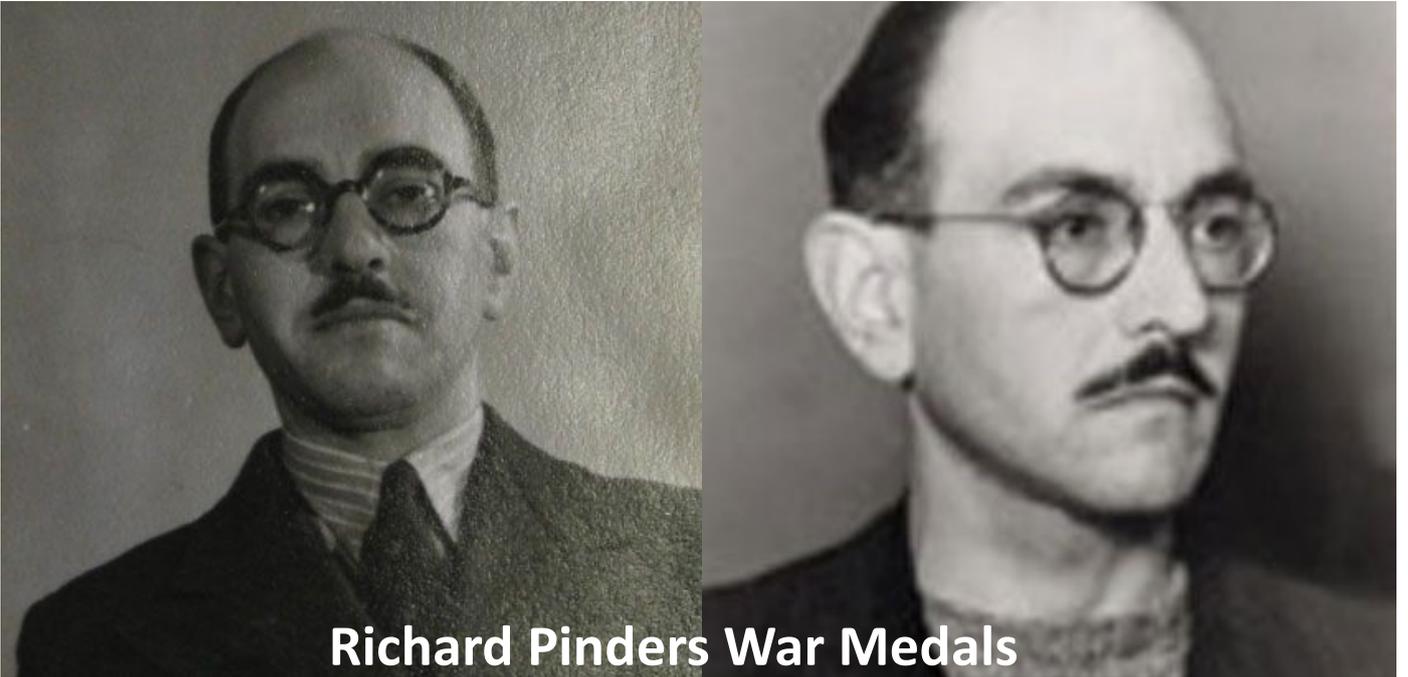


Richard Francis Pinder 2022 April research

I wrote the “piece” above when researching “The Class of 1923 at Clapham College almost a decade ago. I added Richard Pinder by chance to my “Interesting Xaverians” list. It was his Sports Day programme in our Archives. I was intrigued too by him being offered a place at the Sorbonne in Paris. So In April 2022, I put “**Richard Francis Pinder Clapham College 1923 - Sorbonne**” into my computer “Search Engine”, where this photograph “popped up”and to my astonishment.....
.....please read on.....

33. Richard Francis Pinder [SOE] British Spy

Richard Francis Pinder was an SOE operative [Special Operations Executive], he was a British SPY!



Richard Pinders War Medals



Richard was an SOE expert and gave background info for many spy novels



34. The Richard Francis Pinder S.O.E. Story

Richard Pinder was born in London on October 18, 1913. On November 28, 1943, after teaching in France, he was asked to join Section F of the SOE, his fluency in French was an attractive factor. He was parachuted onto the Causse de Loubressac, in the Lot, on March 8th, 1944 with Lieutenant Edmund Mayer “Maurice”, and Captain Gaston Cohen. They were welcomed by George Hiller and hidden by the Gambade family in Saint-Céré.

The mission in the **FOOTMAN** network is to evaluate and train instructors familiar with the use of weapons and to work with them to organize sabotage. A specific action objective is also assigned to him: to stop the production of the Ratier factories in Figeac [made aircraft propellers]. Richard was a weapons instructor in the Lot (Saint-Céré), the Tarn (Carmaux, Orignac), the Hautes-Pyrénées (Graulhet), Aveyron and Lot-et-Garonne. He was arrested in Figeac on May 12th whilst undercover, when SS troops occupied the city. He was deported to “Karlsbad” (today Karlovy Vary, in the Czech Republic), was subjected to forced labour, he survived. When he is released, he was suspected by the Americans of spying. He ended up returning to London on July 14, 1945. His operative names was “**Willy**”!

- Bachelor of Arts in Paris, at the Sorbonne.
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Linguists (London)
- 1938-1940 - Journalist editor at the Reuters news agency
- 1940-1945 - Artillery officer, seconded in 1944 to the *Special Operations Executive* (SOE). Liaison officer (assistant to Major George Hiller) with the Veny group.
- 1946-1956 - Official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs seconded to the German section
- 1946 to the British Ministry of Defence.
- 1956-1978 - Head of the linguistic department of the European Space Agency in Paris

Honours

United Kingdom: Royal Artillery Special Operations Executive

France: Croix de guerre 1939-1945 with palm (awarded November 27, 1946).

Landmarks / Monuments At Loubressac in the Dordogne [near Limoges] there is a steel commemorative monument which depicts Richard and his colleagues parachuting into occupied France on the 8th of March, 1944. The names of Richard Pinder, Maurice and Édouard Mayer and Gaston Collin are remembered there for their bravery and their work in shortening the War by attacking the Germans from “within”.

ARCHIVES

- Richard Pinder's main archive was deposited by his daughter Caroline Pinder Cracraft at the Imperial War Museum in London;
- Some archives have been deposited at the Resistance Museum in Cahors;

Other official documents are in the British *National Archives*, Kew, London.

35. 1920s boys who were Prisoners of War in WWII

I know this is not the definitive list as my research has been only “two-dimensional here”. I know where I could find the exact numbers but time is against me. I have looked at about twenty from this era that were Pows, there could be more. Over 50 Clapham Boys in all, were PoWs [there will be a PoW section in the 1940s Decade [if I remember!]. Wars are dreadful times [just reflecting on Ukraine] there is glory but mainly great pain. I’m unsure where PoWs come in a War “scenario”. Some PoWs had a quiet and frustrating time, others, especially in the Far East, had very disturbing times. I have no idea of how long some of these soldiers were imprisoned, six years / or only three months. The conditions some were kept in were deplorable. The Old Boys had a PoW Fund which sent Red Cross Parcels directly on “our boys”

Twelve were shot down [RAF] and captured, others captured in battle. Most were Imprisoned in German Stalags, six were prisoners of the Japanese, others were held in France, Italy [3] and Singapore [3].

I shall name the ones that easily “come to hand”:-

Donald Baker	CC 1922-25, – RAF -	Germany
Ken Jones	CC 1926-32 - Submarine Service	Singapore [Japan] (sad, sad story)
Harold Noble	CC 1926-33 - Green Howards	Italy
Philip Fewell	CC 1928-34 - [Army]	Singapore [Japan]
Anthony Dupre	CC 1925-30 - Argyle & Sutherland	[Japan]
Michael Clarke	CC 1929-37 [Army]	Germany
Fred Westward	CC 1926-34 Royal Artillery	Italy
Derek Cosgrove	CC 1927-35 Queens Own	Italy
Richard Ellis	CC 1925-28 R. C. Signals	Japanese-died in Camp late 1945
Leonard Charlton	CC 1922-28 Pay Corps	Japan
Ron Lishmond	CC 1923-29 Green Howards	Captured in Italy—German Stalag.
Peter Curtin	CC 1922-30 Army Doctor	Japanese “Hell Camp” long-term.
Pete Tallack	CC 1923-28 Royal Artillery	Captured Crete, imprisoned, Germany
Gerald Lorriman	CC 1926-31 Army Surgeon	Captured by Germans [very famous]

KEN JONES, [above] had a really sad War, he was captured on 8th Sept 1924 [Singapore] he was a Submariner; he was moved to a Hell Camp, then his PoW ship was sunk by a torpedo from a British sub [he served on one] in the Indian Ocean and died on 24/06/1944 aged 29.

36. Great Clapham Xaverians / Committee Members

Great Clapham Xaverians - / Committee members / COXA Founder Members

Phil Trumper CC 1921 to 1926 nickname "Tanks" Royal Artillery [Rhine]

Don Mulverhill CC 1924 to 1929 [Charterhouse] Clapham left back; 50 years Committee

Bill Madigan OBE - CC 1924 to 1929 - Captain in the East Surreys - Assistant Editor of Concordia [IMAGINE having an Assistant - Ed]

John Cockrill - CC 1927 to 1933 - "Captain in Surrey Yeomanry - fought all over Europe, Dunkirk, France, Germany & N. Africa wounded four occasions - "flogged by Br. Ignatius"

Mahender [Bobby] Lall - CC 1921 to 1927 - Head Boy [from India] great cricketer - returned to India to work in engineering.

Clapham Boys to War Heroes

Marmaduke Casima de Bounialie CC 1922-30 **DFC** "Cas" 269 Squadron Flying Officer [Ace] Professional soldier - shot down twice PoW - Commercial pilot flying bullion Saigon.

Edward Gandy CC 1924 to 1929 worked for the Intelligence Corps throughout WW2. Continued his army careers in NATO - he lived in Italy.

Peter Bartholomew Reynier CC 1916 to 1933 awarded the **Military Cross** [Croix de Chevalier] 2nd Lieutenant-Royal Scots Fusiliers; was in Canterbury House died aged 81.

Henry Williamson CC 1921 to 1926 [DSN] Mentioned in "Dispatches" [Captain Border Reg.] Died Hastings, aged 83.

Henry Julien CC 1924 to 1931 **Corporal Bomb Disposal Unit**, South London

John Stevens CC 1928 to 1935 Flight-Lieutenant [was shot down twice PoW] he was in Bomber Command and received commendations for his bravery in Bombing Raids over occupied Europe. He and Maurice were the most decorated RAF brothers of all time. An amazing pair of "RAF flying" brothers from Clapham College.

Maurice Stevens CC 1930 to 1934 [brother of John] died aged 80. Battle of Britain Ace - real hero - Wing Commander - **DFC and Double Bar RAF** [Identical to his brother - John] - unique in flying battle history -

Charles McConnell CC 1925 to 1930 Squadron Leader 358 Squadron, RIP 1989 [Chelsea]

John Higgins BEM CC 1926 to 1930 awarded BEM for bravery in the Blitz - RAF Palestine

Kenneth Riley CC 1928 to 1935 Captain Army, died air over Scilly - [Head] Glastonbury]

37. Group Captain Mike Stephens DSO and 3 DfCs [with 2 bars]

Group Captain Mike Stephens, who has died aged 84, developed an outstanding reputation as a fighter pilot, earning a DSO and three DfCs during the Fall of France, the Battle of Britain and the Siege of Malta, and while serving with the Desert Air Force. As a squadron commander, he was so generous that he attributed shared "kills" to his junior pilots whom he wished to encourage. **Thus, his official score of 15 enemy aircraft destroyed would probably have been doubled if it included his shared as well as his unreported kills.** The exploit that led to the award of Stephens's immediate DSO occurred when he was leading No 80 Squadron's Hurricane fighter-bombers on December 9 1941 on a ground strafing attack on an enemy transport column in the Western Desert. As he attacked, Stephens noticed that his fighter escort was involved in a dog-fight above him. Climbing to assist, he evaded two fighters and had almost reached the escort when he saw a lone Hurricane diving with an Me 109 on its tail. Stephens immediately turned in to engage the enemy fighter but, after opening fire, he came under attack from another Me 109 on his tail. Stephens's Hurricane was set on fire and he was wounded in both feet. As the starboard side of his cockpit was blown out, he decided to bale out. He was half-way out of his cockpit when he glimpsed his assailant overshooting him. He regained his seat and shot the Me 109 down in flames.

Only then did he abandon the blazing Hurricane, beating out his burning clothes as he descended by parachute before landing within 300 yards of the barbed wire of the German front line. The son of an Army officer, Maurice Michael Stephens was born at Ranchi, India, on October 20 1919, and educated at the Xaverian Colleges at Clapham and Mayfield, Sussex. In 1936 he joined the Port of London Authority where he had little love for his job but represented the PLA at rugby, swimming and rowing.

Two years later he was accepted by RAF Cranwell, for which he boxed and rowed. As a newly-fledged pilot officer in 1940, Stephens joined No 3, a Hurricane fighter squadron based at Hawkinge, Kent. When Hitler launched the invasion of the Low Countries and France on May 10, the squadron was ordered across the Channel where, within 10 days, Stephens destroyed at least eight aircraft, including two Ju 87 Stuka dive-bombers.

Landing from his final sortie, he was told that the squadron had been given 30 minutes to evacuate the airfield. His aircraft had lost six inches off one propeller blade, enough to shake the engine to pieces if he tried to take off. The engineering officer decided he must burn the aircraft, but not wishing to return by truck and ship, Stephens got the ground crew to chop six inches off the other blade. He then took off and clawed his way into the air before staggering back to an airfield in England. On his return from France, he was awarded the DfC and Bar. In July his flight was detached to the Shetland Islands where it became the nucleus of a new squadron, No. 232, which he commanded.

On August 23, 1940, Stephens shared in the squadron's first victory, an He 111 bomber shot down over Scapa Flow. He next volunteered for service in Greece, leaving aboard the aircraft carrier Furious. However, he was diverted to North Africa where he joined No 274 and then was sent to Turkey. He remained for eight months, during which he flew operational patrols along the Bulgarian border. He twice intercepted Italian S-84 reconnaissance aircraft intruding across the border, and shot them both down in a Turkish Hurricane, while wearing civilian clothes

38. Group Captain Mike Stephens: ...continued

After inspecting the wreckage of each, he sent samples of ammunition back to England in the diplomatic bag. These victories were not included in his official score. He returned to the desert to command No 80 at the end of November. After recovering from his wounds, Stephens was rested in Kenya before returning to the Middle East, where he was briefly attached to the newly arrived 57th US Pursuit Group in Palestine, flying P 40 Warhawks. He then volunteered to go to Malta, where he joined No 249 Squadron, equipped with the Spitfire VC, and destroyed eight enemy aircraft while damaging others. On October 12, Stephens was shot down and parachuted into the sea. When his dinghy failed to inflate automatically, he held one arm out of the water to prevent water getting into his watch - a recent present from his parents - whilst he tried to inflate the dinghy with the other; he was soon picked up by a launch.

Three days after being given command of No 229 Squadron, he shot down a German bomber, but his Spitfire was badly hit. He survived by flying at very low level through the Grand Harbour barrage before crash-landing on Takali airfield. A little later he was awarded a second Bar to his DFC; the citation recorded:

"This officer has greatly enhanced the gallant reputation he so worthily holds." Stephens now sensed he was pushing his luck, confiding to his logbook: "Chased Ju 88 out to sea. Shot him

down. Running fight on the way home with eight Me 109s. Shot one of these down but thought it only a question of time before one of them got me. Guardian angel working overtime!" After being promoted to command the Hal Far fighter wing, he noted: "Home at last. Thank God!"



39. Group Captain Stephens medals sold at auction ten years ago for £50,000

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 1942-92. Michael was at Clapham College from 1930 to 1934



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

John Kelly CC 1923 to 1930 Captain awarded GoC for "Meritorious Service"

Herbert Willis CC 1922 to 1924 Lieu Royal Art. - mentioned in dispatches, died 83 Surrey

Edward Phillips CC 1921 to 1926 Awarded King's Commendation '44. Bosun in Merchant Navy on Fort La Maune [cargo ship], which sunk a U-Boat. He died in Croydon aged 76

Leonard Knight CC 1924 to 1930 RAF awarded **DFC** - died 1991 Aged 78.

Samuel Sweeney CC 1922 to 1925 Staff Sarge. D-Day Landings; **mentioned in dispatches.**

John Swinscoe CC 1922 to 1926 RAF fighter pilot [**DSM**]

Philip Newton CC 1924 to 1934 PoW Burma [Had a felt & hair business]. COXA Drama.

Dennis Daniels CC 1930 to 1936 RAF Capt. of Gliders - died at Arnhem on a Rhine Bridge

Denis Murray CC 1930 to 1933 posthumous **DFC** shot down over Brussels - 15/11/1940

Des O'Neil CC 1930/1934 Battle of Britain - shot down over London - buried Streatham

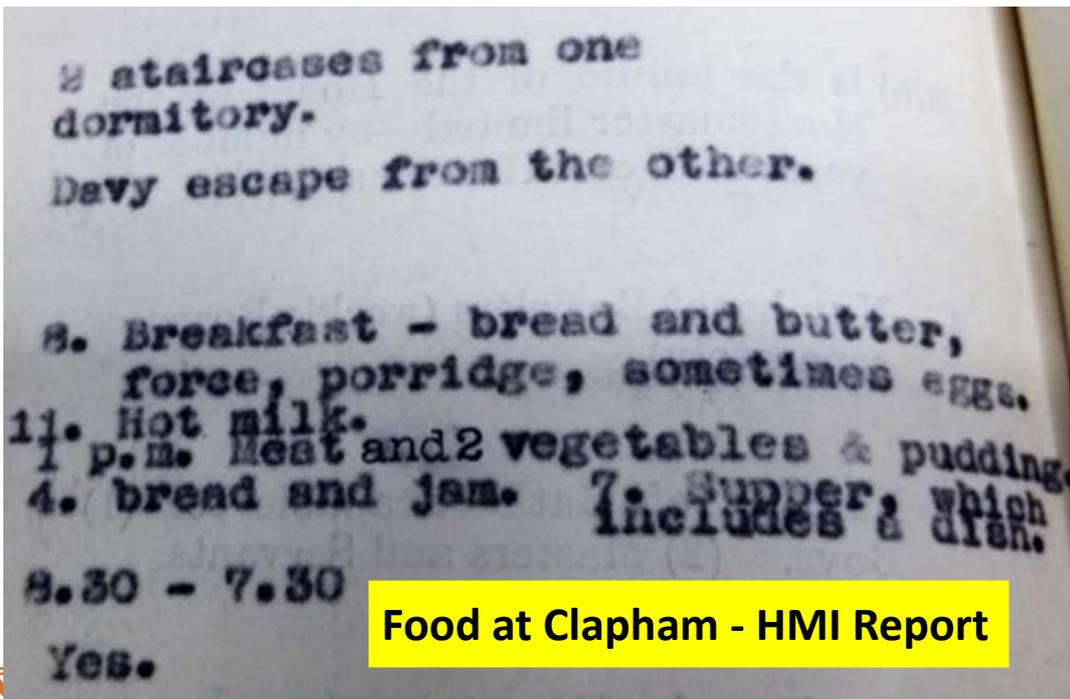
Douglas Woodruff CC 1930 to 1935, Flight-Lieut - helped sink Admiral Scheer [battleship]

Peter Yeast CC 1927 to 1933 Qualified Vet, Commando died raid in Norway

George Denis Bath CC 1927 to 1932 - able seaman HMS Furious mentioned in dispatches.

Old Boys formed - Concordia first issue - from now this becomes the main organ for COXA and Clapham College information. The Xaverian brothers and the College still publishing news. In the mid-1980s Concordia become the "only" Clapham Xaverian publication. From now the Archive is "bulky", what to include, what to discard. The problem with my personal history of the Xaverians is that I will be the sole arbitrator of "good stuff". So I suppose if you have favourites and "musts" that need to be included in Clapham History, IT BECOMES YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to contact me. There will be Xaverians who remember WW2 and who know about the 40s, 50s and 60s. What I'll do for more recent History might need wider Association input. Please contact me with suggestions/corrections or items to include.

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2 staircases from one
dormitory.
Davy escape from the other.

8. Breakfast - bread and butter,
force, porridge, sometimes eggs.
11. Hot milk.
1 p.m. Meat and 2 vegetables & pudding
4. bread and jam. 7. Supper, which
includes a dish.

8.30 - 7.30

Yes.

Food at Clapham - HMI Report