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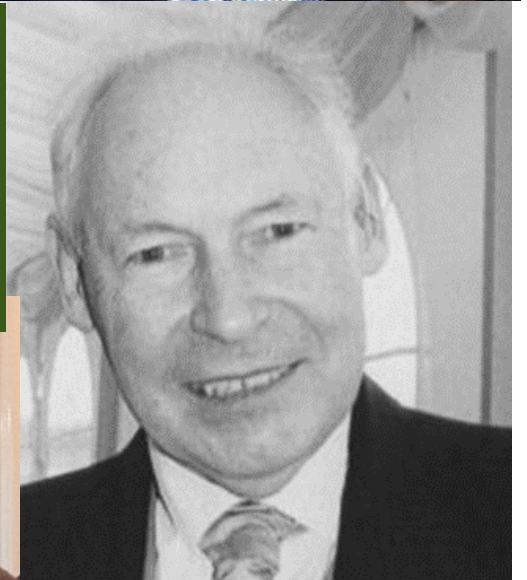


Celebrating
125 years

1897 – 2022
Clapham College
Clapham Old Xaverians




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Cecil in good form just after Christmas wearing Clapham cap

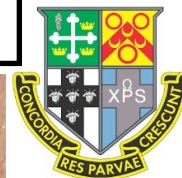


Explained on Page 6
The clues are there for the more observant amongst you!

Title: Richard Francis Pinder's medals
Description: On the left of the two WW1 medals is the OBE. This was awarded to him for his many years work in the Colonial Service. Among the territories of the British Empire in which he lived and worked were Palestine, Fiji Islands, Southern Rhodesia, and the Gold Coast & Ghana in West Africa
Connected by: David35484
Additional: Photo provided by the Pinder family



COXA Cricket in the 1980s/1990s "in mufti and full "whites", on tour, very few "different faces" - unchanged team! Carried COXA cricket for years



A flavour of COXA in Arras France 2022



**COXA AGM 13th Oct [on Zoom]
check Website for time to join us!**

The Chairman's Report July 2022

Dear friends and fellow Old Xaverians,

Numbers Don't Lie.

Ahead of this month's Celebratory 125th Anniversary Summer lunch, I write to you in good spirits.

If it is so that we number about 400 "active" (extant?) members, I was thinking recently about activities....

A regular small percentage of OXs have resumed walking trips. Thanks are due to Scotty (as ever), Aidan, and lately to Mick and Bernadette Burke for planning the walks to suit limbs of all states of fitness and decrepitude.

10% of us travelled to France to see the graves or memorials of, and pay our respects to, 3 fallen Clapham College boys. A slightly smaller percentage of us (7%, perhaps), reconvened at Surrey Hills to applaud as Mick McLoughlin retained his Unlucky Loser crown at the Annual COXA Golf competition. Tony (Tosh) O'Shea was the chief thwarter this year. There are as many footballers as golfers; a broadly different, again, demographic, and they have proven resilient, again, many more games at Norbury being a highlight for the Association.

More than 20% of us will meet in 4 weeks, to celebrate the Lunch noted above; I can hardly wait.

The Venn diagram on these disparate groups does not overlap all that much... Thank you, everyone, for your support of the Association through these events of the Summer. Less rambling from me leaves Scotty with more room for personalia and other stories. If your only COXA contact/activity these days is reading Concordia, hope you enjoy them, and thanks for sticking with us.

Yours, David Chairman, Clapham Old Xaverians Association David Leathem

4th July 2022 (Happy Independence Day to us)

XAVERIAN BROTHERS

IN HARMONY SMALL THINGS GROW



February 8, 2022

Mr. Don MacDonald
Clapham Old Xaverians Association
Mayfield, England

Dear Clapham Old Xaverians:

On behalf of the Xaverian Brothers, I congratulate you on the 125 anniversary of the foundation of Xaverian College Clapham. From the early years under Brother Gabriel's leadership, the spirit of the school has served as a shining light and a beacon of hope for countless students and their families. Hundreds of Xaverian Brothers have generously served the school. Their legacy continues to be an important part of our congregation's storied history.

All Xaverian Brothers today are deeply grateful to the COX Association as you carry on the spirit and values so beloved by us. Thank you for all that you do to commemorate Catholic education in the Xaverian tradition at Clapham, and for maintaining our brothers' place at Mayfield Cemetery.

May God bless you and your families.

Sincerely,

Brother Daniel

Brother Daniel Skala, CFX
General Superior

Celebrating 125 years of
Clapham College and the
Clapham Old Xaverians

Michael Creech, Octogenarian - Clapham in 1940s - still sending "copy" - "shame on the rest of you"

Memory not good enough to remember names, Event was first school fair in the late forties, 49 perhaps. A team of us marched to military music played on a gramophone. Lots of demonstrations of school work, with side shows, places for tea and drinks. It was opened by a popular English film Sir Richard Redgrave, I think it was. He charged a fortune, I gathered. It was a first since the 30s so it was thought good publicity. After that more humble locals

Thanks Michael we have a 1940s Fete [think Michael in glasses]. A 2018 photo of Communion at his 60th Jubilee Mass - 2018. Michael & younger brother Terry - both Clapham - both priests, St Mary's & Lourdes.

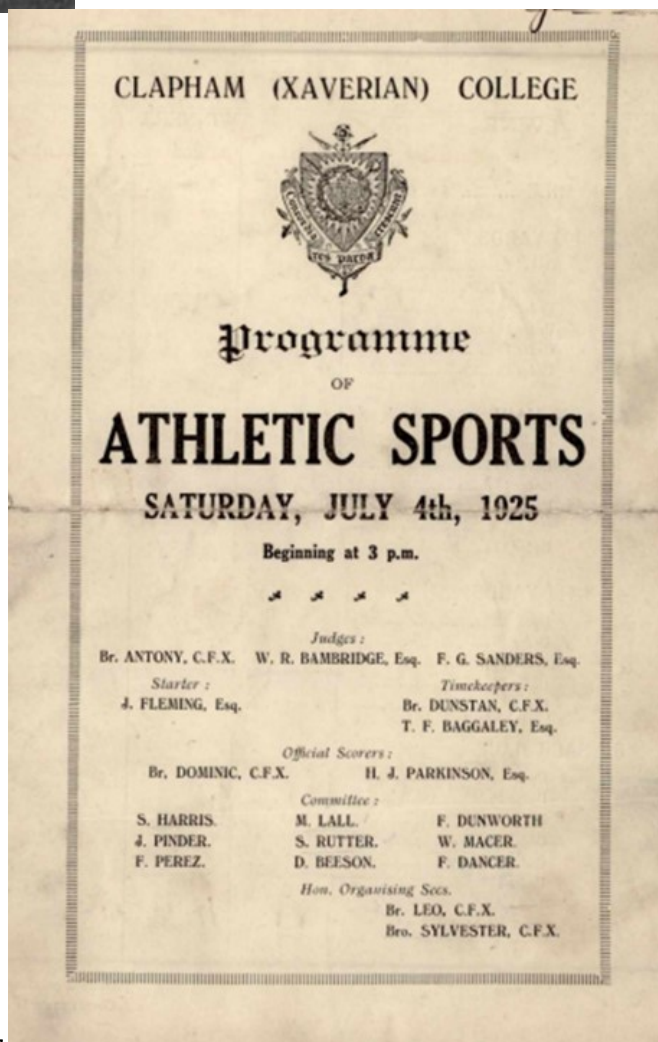


Richard Francis Pinder CC 1924-26 - Sorbonne [Paris] Army S.O.E. [SAS] OBE

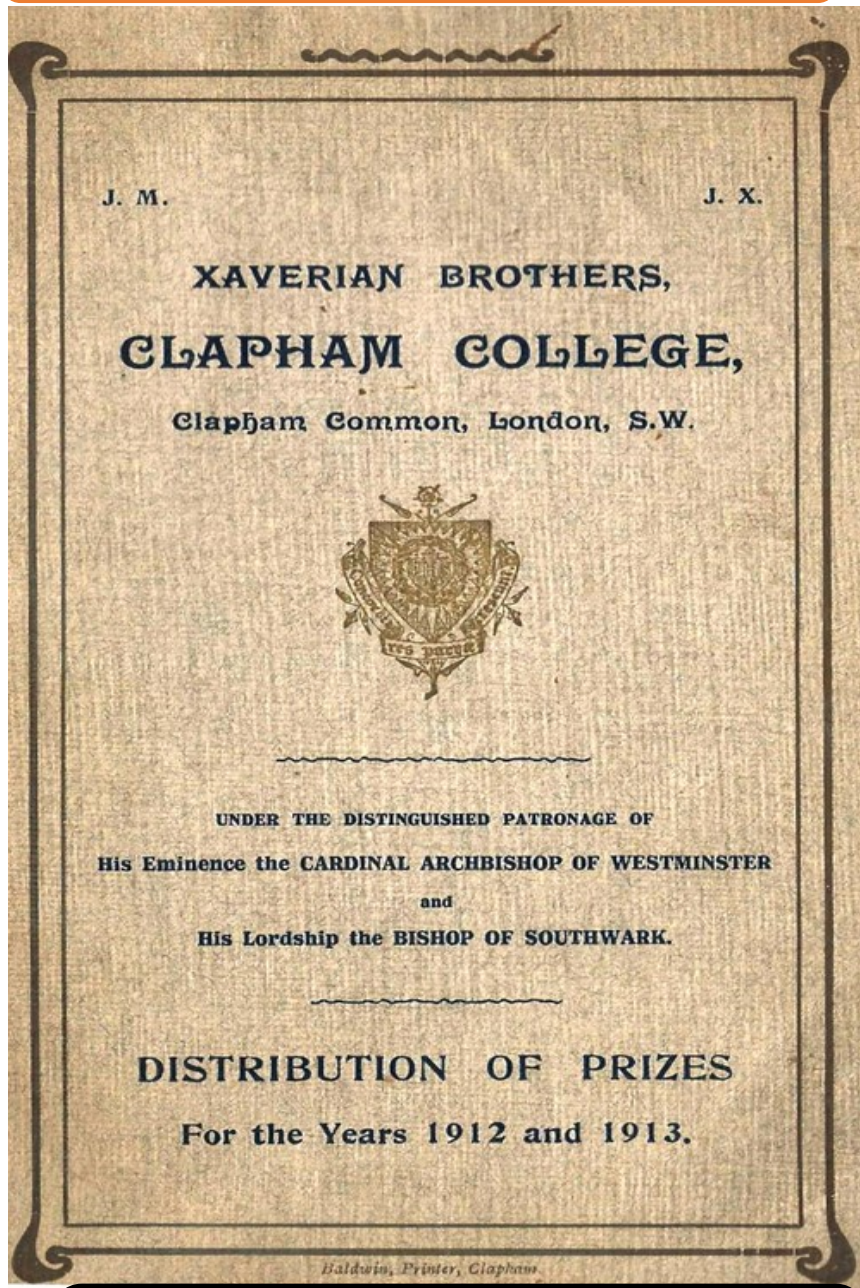


Richard Francis Pinder [born 18th October 1913] was taught at Clapham College from 1923 to 1926, it's his Sports Day programme [and pencilled results"] which has been printed in this publication. He was mentioned as being an outstanding sportsman and brilliant student. Upon leaving Clapham he was offered 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!]. As you can see by his "bespectacled" photo he was slight and not imposing. A typical student - but eventually an undercover agent in the S.O.E. (now SAS) [a spy]

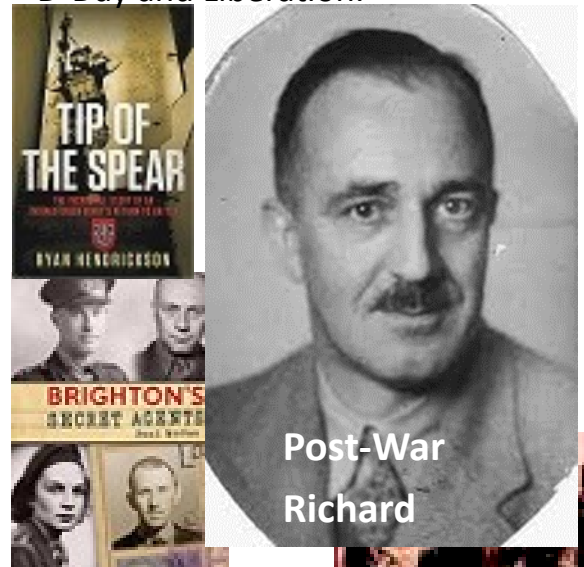
I wrote the "piece" above when researching "The Class of 1923 " at Clapham College almost a decade ago. I added Richard Pinder by chance to my "Interesting Xaverians" list. It was his Sports Day programme in our Archives. I was intrigued too by him being offered a place at the Sorbonne in Paris. So In 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.....I discovered that Richard, was recruited by the Special Forces Executive to be dropped behind German lines and disrupt their War effort.



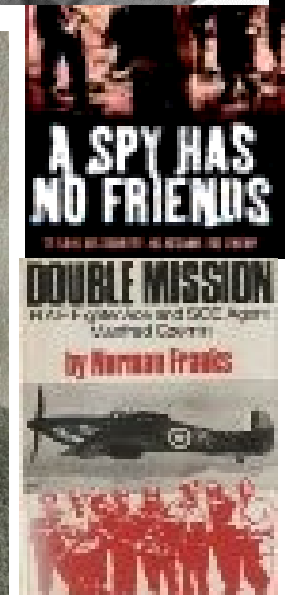
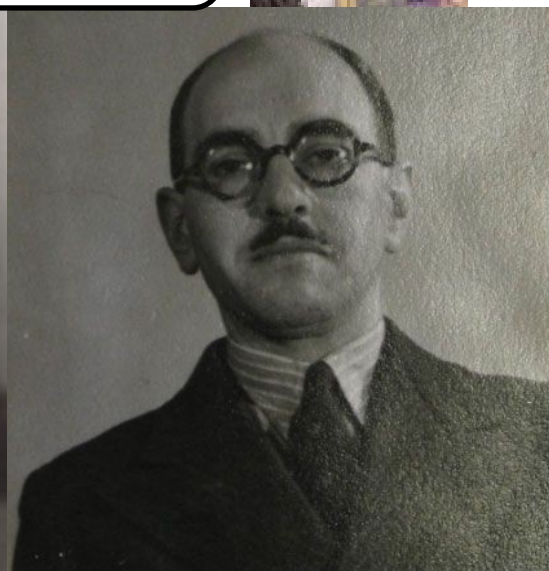
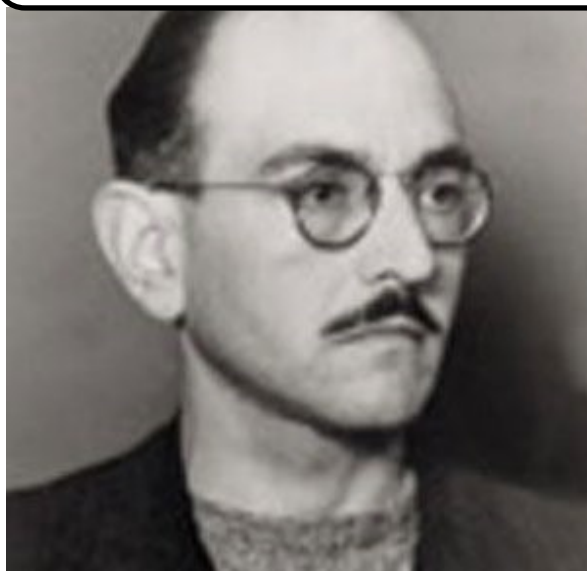
Richard Pinder story...continued...



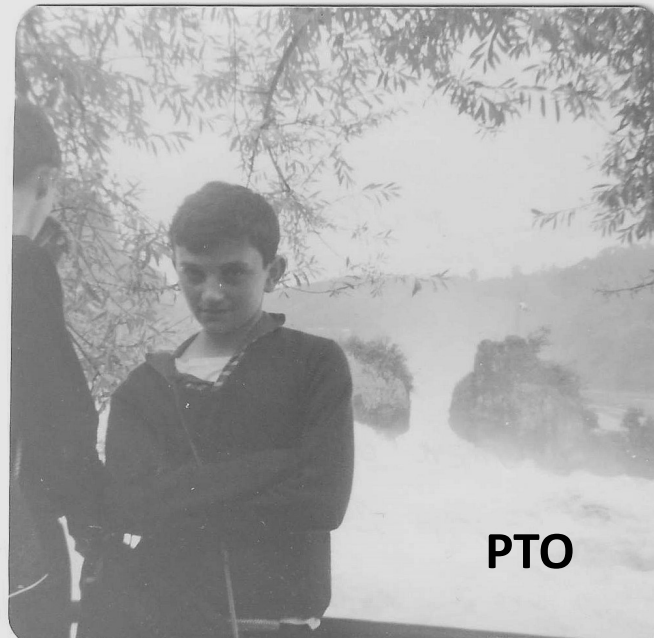
In France Richard worked undercover with the French Resistance finding many different ways to hurt the German occupation of France. The actions of Richard and the Resistance meant that the German Army supply lines were disrupted and precious troop take away from the front line; whilst France prepared for the Allied Invasion. It was due to his fluent French that Richard was chosen for this most dangerous and stressful of roles, the bravery he displayed was unbelievable. But he was there for D-Day and Liberation.



He was awarded the French Croix and the OBE - and later went on to work in Army Intelligence and advised authors and producers writing books and making films on the SOE.



Martin Farrell's photos School Trip to St Gallen Switzerland
1966 [led by Br Christopher supported by Br Ambrose]



Commentary to Martin's photos on page 10 - Trip to Switz, 1966

<p>First Photo - you will need “good eyes” for this one...but LEFT to RIGHT; Atkinson, Cheznuski [ish].. HELP please, Dippel [EASY], Kondieza [OJ], Murphy [that narrows it!!], Seymour, Hannigan {standing} another easy pick, Shorthall [the younger} Kennedy [pick one of 23!]</p>	<p>Second Photo - [again LEFT to RIGHT if that helps] Mike Collins, Dennis Casey, Francis Brown, Brian Shortall, Holland [no Christian name Martin..how about Gerry??], Mike Gaultry, Hiller [maybe David?] and Peter Kirby..</p> <p>I'm sure those in the photos know who they are!!</p>
<p>Third Photo - From a “confidence Martin [I quote “St Gallen Switzerland 1966”] this photo is titled “Switzerland “about 1966”</p> <p>Kevin Murphy</p> <p>Adam Kondieza</p> <p>Hugh Atkinson</p>	<p>Fourth Photo - LEFT to RIGHT again.....</p> <p>Kevin Murphy,</p> <p>Mike Seymour,</p> <p>Adam Kondieza,</p> <p>Mike Gaultry</p>
<p>Photo Five</p> <p>An easy one for Martin [and us all] .. A portrait of Michael Gaultry [“skip”] - only footballer in the group [sorry Mick Collins!] Famous for climbing the Norbury concrete wall to collect lost balls.</p>	<p>Photo Six - Dr Hugh Atkinson [an Alpha] .. I'm sure Hugh didn't have his doctorate at Clapham...Lecturer of Politic at South Bank University [was “poly” in our day]...now retired but well respected author. [it says here “Very Bright” .. But I think we could take that as “read”</p> <p>Thanks for the effort Martin, sorry for the delay in publishing and the silly comments.</p>



Ramblers - We'll meet again in 2022 - A promise, from the COXA Rambling Secretary. If walkers [over 40 over the past 2 years] have their “own walks” to forward there could be another sooner rather than later!

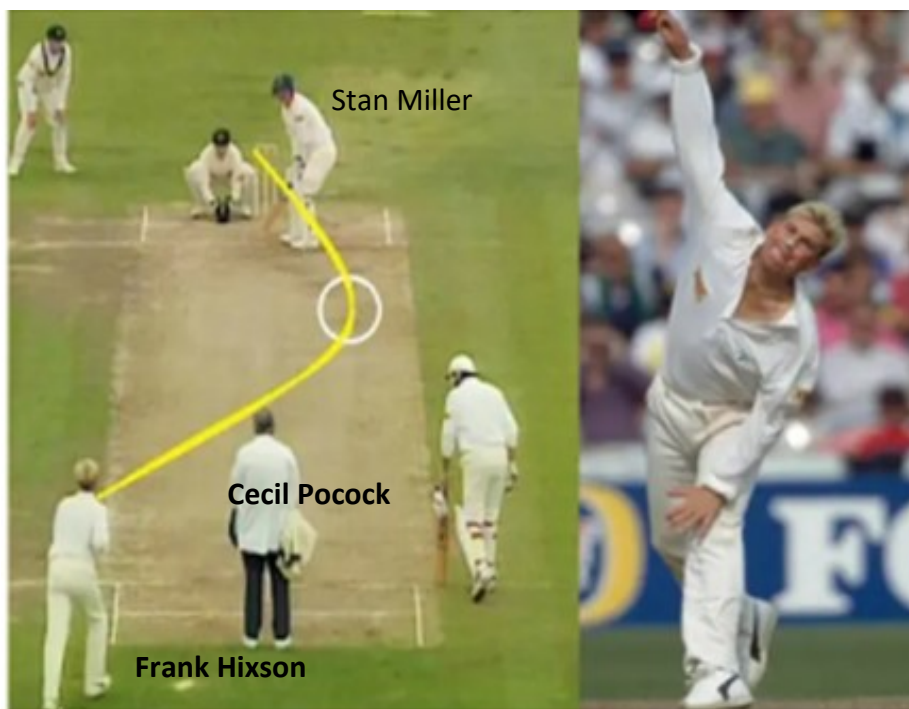
CORRECTION to Concordia 1965 [cricket].

The 1964 single wicket tournament was misreported a little. This competition was a 'thing' in those days. Four overs each, the winner going through to the next round. The batsman did not have runner so a line was painted across the strip at halfway. The batsman would be deemed runout if he was in the half that the wicket was broken. I don't think any of the matches went to four overs each as wickets fell quite quickly.

The general consensus was that bowlers who could bat would prevail. I was a batsman who could bowl. My father was very keen on cricket and he took me along to Dulwich Cricket Club for coaching, I was about 13 or

so. The coach had bowled off spin for Surrey and he was very encouraging to me bowling me a lot in practice. I learnt about flight, pace, length, spin and patience. I got 3 out of 4. I bowled off spin, I was not patient. I liked to open the batting as I liked pace bowling, my batting was a quick bash followed by a long sulk. I did not get many chances to bowl for the Old Boys as spinners need time to take wickets.

My memory is not what it was and I cannot access the website to check the facts. I have been blocked. I do know that I won the first two tournaments and was knocked out by **Brian Pryke** in the third. It must have been '64 when the first was held. I had some fun in the early matches hitting the ball into the outfield then as the fielder was about to return the ball I would stand halfway down the pitch to watch the throw and then grab an extra run if the throw was poor or sent to the wrong end, much confusion.



In the final against **Stan Miller** I batted first and only got about 11 runs before getting out. He had four overs to score the runs and I needed to get him out quickly. I did not think I would get him stumped as his best mate **John McGuire** was keeping wicket. Stan scored a couple of runs in the first over and looked confident against my modest off spin. In the second over I went round the wicket and he nudged my flatter balls away. Then I tried a leg break, a very different technique. I flighted it high and into the bowler's footmarks

outside leg stump. Stan ignored it expecting off spin. The ball bit hard and cut behind his legs to bowl him. Stan was stunned, victory had been taken away. The leg break was not often used but that day it worked.

With the recent death of Shane Warne we have seen many pictures of the BALL OF THE CENTURY. The dismissal of Mike Gatting. My ball was better but the cameras were not there. If anyone can tell me about the '65 final I would be pleased to add more. It may have been against Tony Gray, I could not be sure. *[Surely someone remembers this magical ball? ..ED]*

Frank Hixson Clapham College 1957-62 [Charterhouse]

The COXA Grand National Sweepstake - "useless editing again"



The Grand National COXA Sweepstake has now become an annual COXA event, I suppose it was always an annual event [just not a COXA one]. From the Draw to the actual race itself, brilliantly commented on, this was a real success. It is an important fund-raiser and good fun and this is all down to the hard work and effort of four Members. Please join in in 2023. I'm sure the advert in the next Concordia for 2023 will have the winners of this years one!!!

The Grand National - Aintree Saturday 9th April 2022

Winner£500

2nd Place....£100 3rd Place....£50 4th Place....£50

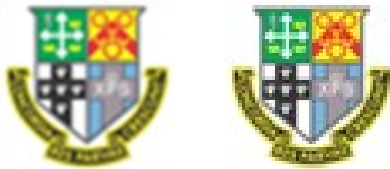
Buy a ticket to enter the draw for one of the forty horses entered to run.

The draw for a runner in the race will take place live on Zoom, Thursday 7th April 2022 at 7pm

No	Horse	Ticket No.	Ticket Holder
1	Minella Times	18	Phil Roderick-Jones
2	Delta Work	40	Mark Preece
3	Easysland	8	Sandra Snowsill
4	Any Second Now	72	Mick Powell
5	Run Wild Fred	49	Scotty Macdonald
6	Lostintranslation	56	Frank Barretta
7	Brahma Bull	45	Colin Garvey
8	Burrows Saint	41	Mark Preece
9	Mount Ida	4	Will Skipsey
10	Longhouse Poet	75	Robert Harris
11	Fiddlerontheroof	89	Tony Griffin
12	Two For Gold	84	Tom McLoughlin
13	Santini	32	Tony O'Flynn
14	Samcro	71	Mick Powell
15	Escaria Ten	63	Brendan Williams
16	Good Boy Bobby	28	Joe Murphy
17	Lord du Mesnil	38	John McNicholas
18	Coko Beach	69	Mick O'Sullivan
19	De Rasher Counter	37	John McNicholas
20	Kildisart	36	Joe Rowe
21	Discorama	39	John McNicholas
22	Top Ville Ben	50	Scotty Macdonald
23	Enjoy d'Allen	87	Tony Griffin
24	Anibale Fly	12	Aidan Coletta
25	Dingo Dollar	59	Gerry Morrison
26	Freewheelin Dylan	43	Mick O'Sullivan
27	Class Conti	83	Mick Macdonald
28	Noble Yeats	22	Eddie O'Brien
29	Mighty Thunder	19	Eddie O'Brien
30	Cloth Cap	81	Mick McLoughlin
31	Snow Leopardess	82	Mick McLoughlin
32	Augusta Gold	9	Sara Louis
33	Phoenix Way	29	Tom Purcell
34	Deise Aba	73	Mick Powell
35	Blaktion	20	Eddie O'Brien
36	Poker Party	52	Scotty Macdonald
37	Death Duty	67	Mick O'Sullivan
38	Domaine de L'Isle	3	Jade Skipsey
39	Eclair Surf	15	Aidan Coletta
40	Fortescue	70	Mick Powell

MICK AND BINA M'CLOUGHLIN
DAVID AND LYNN LEATHEM
KEVIN AND VIVIAN MCKENNA
BRENDAN AND ANNA WILLIAMS
PAUL AND KATHY WEST
VIC ROSKOWSKI AND MARALYN
MICK O'FLYNN AND ASIYAH
JAN CEZEWOSKI AND KATHRYN
MICK BURKE AND BERNIE
LAURENCE AND SARA MILLIGAN
ANTHONY O'FLYNN Junior & Mari Van Den BRON

JOHN NORTON AND JOHN NORTON
EDDIE O'BRIEN AND MICK POWELL
PHIL RODERICK-JONES AND CAT
LYDIA EARP AND ANNA COLLINS
COLIN GARVEY
GERRY MORRISON
NICK CREAM
MAURA HUBBARD [O'Flynn]
MARTIN FOWLER
SCOTTY MACDONALD
JAMES MILLIGAN
AIDEN COLETTA
COACH DRIVER - RACHEAL
SHARON MANNELL
SANDRA SNOWSILL



An Old Boy of Clapham Xaverian College [London SW4]. Who died and was laid to rest here in France.

Visited by forty of his colleagues from his school 100 years after his death. If you wish to contact, email mebers@claphamoldxaverians.co.uk

“No greater love hath no Man than to give up his life for his Friends”. D. Macdonald June 2022

This was left on all six graves visited, we've already had someone get in touch, from France.

COXA BATTLEFIELD TOUR AND GAY PRIDE WEEKEND

Clapham arrived on the Somme on the same weekend a 'Arras Pride Festival 2022' and although people like the **Leathems, McLoughlins, O'Flynns, Nortons** and their friends, might have had different agendas for the weekend, both groups blended to have a cracking time., Arras organises its annual meeting for all members of the LGBT community in France to celebrate diversity. This is the second time we've shared Arras with the Gay Pride Celebrations and the weekend was busy, fun and went off without a hitch [except for a coach breakdown]. In these times of Covid, the Cost of Living crisis and Travel difficulties, visiting their resting places and reflecting on the sacrifices of these ordinary Clapham College Boys, who went to France [most for the first time] and never came home, was indeed uplifting. In a packed schedule of interest, sometimes upsetting stories, reflective time and fun activities at beautiful locations, time just “flew”; and the wonderful weather made it in many ways the “perfect trip”. We visited the new, CWGC operations centre at Arras. Also visits to Leboeufs, Battery & the Guard's Cemetery [paying homage to our fallen Old Boys].

We stopped at the village of Flers scene of the first Tank attack in History. On Saturday we spent a wonderful afternoon at the Thepval Memorial. We visited the Ulster Tower and walked to the beautiful Connaught cemetery to honour another Old Boy. Another stop was at the iconic Hawthorn Ridge and the crater famously filmed over 100 years ago when the mine was detonated. We explored ancient towns and villages, had fabulous meals and the “odd drink” in good company. There was Sunday Mass in Cambrai and free time for shopping and exploring. Finally, we visited the Tank Museum at Flesquieres on our way back to the Tunnel.

Onto the next tour in **2023 June 9th-11th Ypres, Belgium .. Taking BOOKINGS soon! Scotty 07508001217 had 46 “interested”**

New drill photograph, kneeling, [sometime in the “1910s]



In the Clapham College Archive I have four photographs of boys doing their after school Drill Lessons [with wooden rifles across their shoulders in the early part of the 20th Century [before WWI1.

Another “Archive Photo” without any detail - a “House” cricket team - or a College one]



Does anyone recognise the shield/ [Ted/Brian] a proper cricket photograph

The Match of the Season.

CLAPHAM v. MAYFIELD.

It was with a prospect of defeat that a party of 70 left Mayfield on the morning of February 14th for the return match with our friends the enemy, Clapham College. A rather heavy fall of snow over-night was the reverse of promising, but the chances of a game went up by leaps and bounds as London was neared, as it became more and more evident that the fall had been merely local to Mayfield and neighbourhood. We were most heartily received by the Clapham Brothers, who did everything in their power for the comfort of their visitors. Full justice having been done to the good things provided in the Refectory, the transients were besieged to carry the opposing parties and their respective supporters to Furze Down Park, Tooting. Mayfield, having lost the toss, were set to face the incline. The home team, however, quickly asserted themselves, and the ball was soon hovering dangerously near the Mayfield goal. The backs, unable to hold the tricky left wing, seemed completely at sea, and within the first two minutes, Bro. Matthias opened the score with a shot that Verfaillie could scarcely have seen, far less have stopped. Nothing daunted, the Mayfield players endeavoured to come on equal terms, Casier and Psaila forming the better wing. Fast end-to-end play was the order, but the quick rushes were very effectively stopped by Bro. Stanislaus and Oliver on the one side and Bro. Denis and Bro. Thomas on the other. Again the ball was worked down to the Mayfield goal, where in a scrimmage, Bro. Denis scored and put his side two goals in front. Gonsalves was repeatedly penalised for off-side, a fact underlined easier by the play of the Mayfield backs, who were constantly much too far away from their own goal. Clapham continued to do most of the pressing, and half-time was called with the score 2-0 in their favour.

Resuming, play was of a staccato even nature, neither side at first appearing to have any advantage. In stopping a rush of the visitors' right wing, Bro. Thomas received a hard knock and had to retire. He resumed after a few minutes, but shortly after, again left the field, leaving his side with ten men. Notwithstanding this, the Clapham team more than held their own, and Bro. Louis added to their lead with a soft goal. This third reverse seemed to waken their opponents, who, not to be denied, worked the ball away, and Bro. Vincent was beaten by one of the few shots he had. Time was called with the score standing 3-1 in favour of the home team. Conspicuous among the winners were Bro. Ignatius at back, Bro. Denis, Louis, Matthias and Thomas; Pereira had plenty to do watching the visitors' left wing. On the Mayfield side, Oliver had more than he could for some time manage, but he improved greatly as the game proceeded. Bro. Stanislaus was most useful in breaking up the combination of the home forwards.

The teams were—Clapham:—Bro. Vincent, Marco and Bro. Ignatius; Pereira, Bro. Denis and Bro. Thomas; Gonsalves, Brooks, Bro. Stephen, Bro. Matthias, Bro. Louis.

Mayfield,—Verfaillie; Hostens and Lauggeri; Oliver, Bro. Stanislaus, Walsh; Hammack, Bro. Andrew, Thompson, Casier, Psaila. Fr. Warwick was referee and gave complete satisfaction to both sides. Fr. Bonifacio was one of the linesmen. At the end of the game, victors and vanquished and their supporters boarded the electric cars and returned to Clapham College where the most hospitable Brothers had prepared a bounteous "Spread." We had to catch the 5 p.m. train from Clapham Junction, but we did not fail to express our appreciation of the whole-hearted welcome (to say nothing of the "licking") extended to us by repeated and rousing cheers for Bro. Cathbert, and the Brothers and Clapham College.

MAYFIELDER.

1906 [ish] 1st and 2nd Clubs at Clapham College - think 1st & 2nd X1



CLAPHAM COLLEGE—FIRST CLUB.



Why are some of the
Second X1 wearing ties?

CLAPHAM COLLEGE—SECOND CLUB.

Another 1906 photo - not sure about some of the Team - same coach for all sides - impressive!



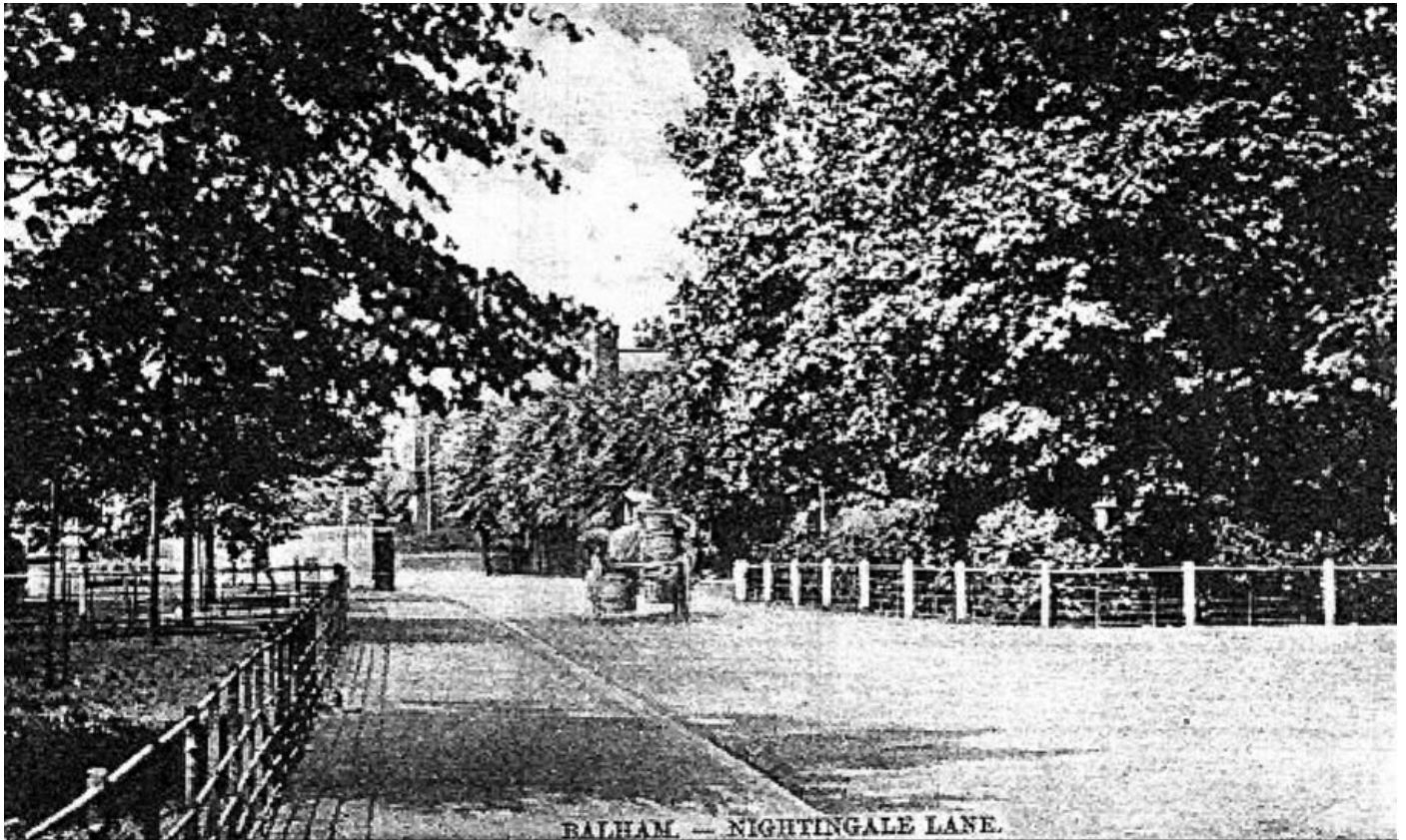
CLAPHAM. FOOTBALL. THIRD CLUB.

Fast Forward more then a century 2022 COXA Vets - Division Four

1	Ground Hoppers Vets	18	15	2	1	44	47
2	Fleetdown United Vets	18	13	0	5	52	39
3	Warlingham Veterans B	18	13	0	5	46	39
4	South East Athletic Veterans	18	13	0	5	25	39
5	Hayden Youth Association Veterans	18	8	2	8	-9	26
6	Crayford Arrows New Veterans	18	7	3	8	-18	24
7	Clapham Old Xaverians Veterans	18	6	1	11	-13	19
8	Warren Athletic Vets First	18	3	2	13	-31	11
9	Sporting Club Thamesmead Vets	18	2	3	13	-43	9
10	Chipstead Veterans	18	2	3	13	-53	9
11	ASIRU Veterans First	0	0	0	0	0	0

Remembrance Day Service at SFX in the old College Chapel 11am please join us

Horse and cart heading down Nightingale Lane; but East or West?



East or West? - The photograph was taken top end of Nightingale Lane, near the College, but is the area on the “LEFT” the site of Highways House, or is it the College itself [with Clapham Mansions] as the cart heads towards Wandsworth Common. This is a fabulous photo from around 1850 [before Broadoak was built] it’s from a “pre-motor car” age. Clapham was just evolving from a Rural to an Urban area; orchards and farmland were making way for large mansion houses, with common land was set aside for parks providing recreation. Clapham was a suburban retreat, away from the congestion, poor air and dense housing of the centre of London 6 miles to the North.

Below 2022 1st Team League finish

1	Old Thorntonians Reserves	16	11	1	4	33	23	10	34
2	Sinjuns Grammarians First	16	8	6	2	41	23	18	30
3	Old Meadonians Reserves	16	9	2	5	34	31	3	29
4	Reigatians First	16	7	5	4	26	21	5	26
5	Clapham Old Xaverians First	16	7	3	6	36	34	2	24
6	Old Paulines First	16	6	5	5	30	24	6	23
7	Dorkinians Reserves	16	6	3	7	35	29	6	21
8	Old Sedcopians First	16	2	3	11	22	48	-26	9
9	Old Suttonians Reserves	16	1	2	13	14	38	-24	3 *

Continuing the Clapham College Xaverian Menology [with a cracker]

BROTHER GABRIEL (Amandus Coene)

Born: Dickebusch, Belgium, February 2, 1843

Died: Mayfield, England, October 4, 1913. Brother Gabriel, one of the first candidates accepted by Brother Vincent, the 2nd Superior General, arrived at "Het Walleje" [Xaverian Central Office, Belgium"] on September 11, 1860. After three years at the training school in Hammersmith and eight at Manchester, he returned to Bruges where in 1875 he became Superior of the Institute when Brother Peter Alcantara (January 28) became first Provincial in England. Twenty years later, Brother John Chrysostom (February 12), the newly-elected Vicar to Brother Vincent (May 2), took over as Superior of the Mother House and sent Brother Gabriel to England as second Provincial. During his ten years in office from 1895 to 1905, he purchased property on Nightingale Lane in southwest London alongside Clapham Common and founded Clapham College.

BROTHER XAVIER (Joseph Whelan) Born: Burnley, Lancs, England, July 2, 1903

Died: Wadhurst, Sussex, England, October 8, 1968 Joseph Whelan entered the Congregation on April 27, 1918, when the English novitiate was located in the south coast resort of Rottingdean. A year later the new novitiate was opened at Deeping St. James, and Brother Xavier was one of the small group of pioneers who shared the initial hardships of life there. He was a member of the staff at Mayfield from 1921 to 1929. Transferred to Clapham, he combined teaching with study, attending London University where he obtained an Honours degree in French in 1932. His main interest was in languages, but he was also a gifted mathematician and as such spent almost the last twenty years of his life as Provincial Treasurer. In 1939 Brother Xavier was appointed Superior in Bootle, a part of Liverpool. With the onset of the blitz, Liverpool became a target for the German air force, and the Brothers' school shared in the subsequent heavy damage. Brother Xavier handled the evacuation of the pupils and community to Shropshire. In 1942 he joined the Clapham community which had been evacuated to rural East Grinstead in Sussex. He was posted in 1944 to Manchester. Returning to Clapham in 1953, he served there as Superior from 1958 to 1964. His last years were ones of great physical suffering. During the post-war years, Brother Xavier began to suffer from arthritis, particularly in his left leg. Continuous pain made walking difficult, and gastric trouble combined to make him a semi-cripple and to bring on the premature senility which afflicted his final year of life. Brother Xavier continued living with the Clapham community until July of 1968 when he was transferred to Bestbeeche St. Mary, the provincial residence and infirmary for the sick. Uremia ended his life at sixty-five.

BROTHER AMBROSE (James Brett) Born: Crook, England, August 20, 1919

Died: Middlesex Hospital, London, England, October 25, 1995

James Brett was born in the vocation-rich northeast of England in the town of Crook. Although there were no Xaverian schools in that area, when he was fifteen, a brother on a recruiting mission came to his school and Jim decided that he wanted to join the brothers. When he told the nun who was teaching the class, she told him not even to think of it because he was not strong enough to cope with such an arduous vocation. His mother, however, thought that he should be given a chance and he entered the juniorate and later the novitiate at Deeping and persevered for 59 years.

Brother Ambrose had more than his share of serious illness in his life. As a child he contracted osteomyelitis and it was expected that he would lose a leg. Expert surgery in Newcastle saved the leg, and with much patient determination, he forced himself to walk without artificial support. Early in his teaching career at Brighton, he suffered another setback so serious that the students in the school were asked to pray that he might not die. He finally recovered, and once he was strong enough to walk, he went to all the classrooms to thank the students for their prayers.

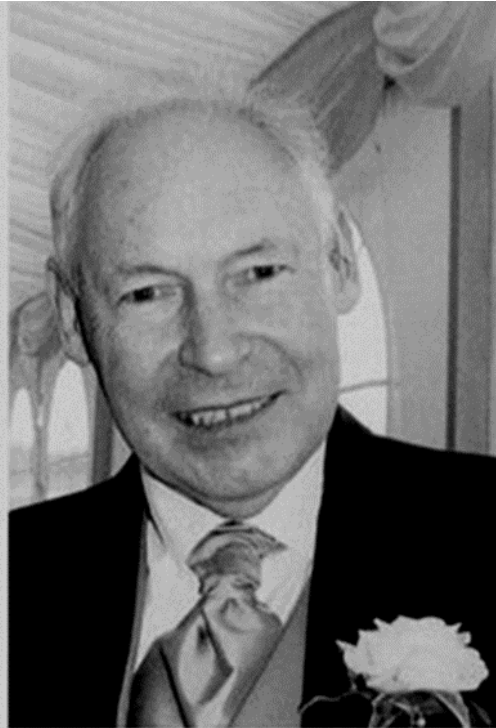
Besides teaching at Brighton, his assignments brought him to Manchester, Clapham, Foxhunt, West Hartlepool and Mayfield where he excelled not only in the classroom, but also in providing examples of leadership, respect and friendship to students in various activities outside the classroom. While he loved listening to music and the study of history, he also loved working in the outdoors as a gardener. In the fifteen years of his retirement he spent many hours in the gardens at Bradley House making them more beautiful for others as well as himself.

About a year before his death he underwent a very serious operation for cancer. Once again he made a good recovery, but this time the energy did not return and he had to give up his beloved gardening and content himself with short walks around the house a few times a day. Quite suddenly the cancer attacked again while on a visit to the Generalate at Twickenham. He was hospitalized there and died calmly, peacefully and prayer-



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

Malcolm Corey RIP - Clapham College 1942 to 1949



Jean Corey
9 February 1936 -
3 April 2020

Malcolm Corey
22 June 1932 -
30 December 2021



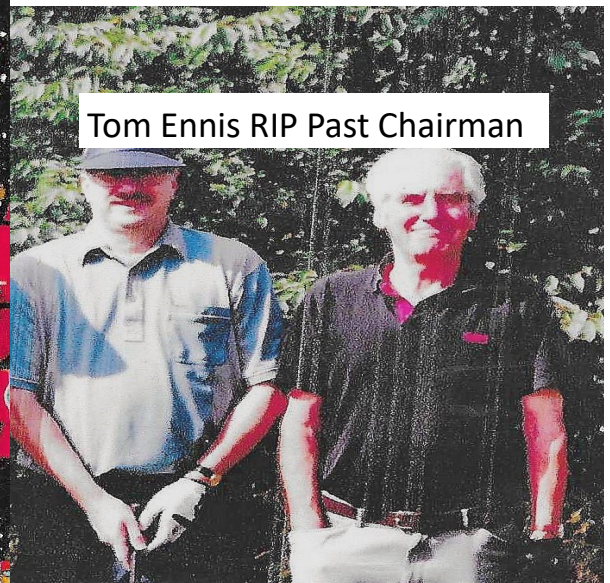
Some wonderful photos of Malcolm Corey and his wife Jean. Malcolm was at Clapham College from 1942-49. He was in the evacuation of the College to East Grinstead and later served in the RAF.



Tom Ennis RIP - COXA Chairman in the 1970s



Tom Ennis's gravestone in Coggeshall, Essex. Charlotte [who lives in his old house kindly took this photo for us] but subsequently "unearthed" some photos of Tom from his friends in the village pub - where else?



Tom Ennis [past Chairman] - letter from a special person

Dear Scotty, I received your letter addressed to Mr Tom Ennis as I now live in the home he used to own. It is with deep regret that I write to inform you that he has died. Unfortunately, I do not have a forwarding address for his children, and I do not get much post addressed to him but when I do I open it in order to return to sender or as in this instance, inform the writer of his passing. I am sure he was a very proud member of your Association. From what I have heard from those in the village he was an upstanding member of society, always sat in the front pew at Mass and was a member of the Conservative Club,
Regards **Charlotte Bennett**



We as Xaverians lost track of Tom, and due to the kindness of Charlotte, we have the opportunity to remember Tom for his service and offer a prayer. ++ RIP Tom ++

Tom's Ennis - the story in May 2022 [continued from page 22]

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I am sorry that his children did not inform you, I am sure he was a very proud member of your association. From what I have heard from those in the village he was an upstanding member of society, always sat in the front pew at Mass and was a regular attendee at the Conservative Club.

I wish you well with your retelling of the Clapham history and hope that you find the other older members well.

Charlotte Bennett Coggeshall

OLD XAVIERIANS' ASSOCIATION HELD ON 3 OCTOBER 1975 AT
8.15pm IN THE CLERKROOM, NORBURY

75/1 PRESENT T Ennis (Chairman), D M Martin (Vice Chairman), P T O'Connor (Secretary)
A J Morrish (Treasurer), B Hayter (Membership Secretary), 7 Committee Members
and 14 Members.

75/2 The De Profundis and a minutes silence was observed for the dead.

75/3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE came from Messrs Quinn, Roskowski, Casserly and Larkin.

75/4 MINUTES of the previous meeting were taken as read.

75/5 MATTERS ARISING. It was asked if a statement could be made on progress in finding a new ground to replace Norbury. In reply, it was thought that recent editions of COXAN gave the latest information the situation.

75/6 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. I am delighted to report that the past 12 months have seen the Association progress from strength to strength. There have been minor disappointments - but these have been mainly financial.

Membership is running at record levels and subscriptions for the coming year are already well up on anything we have experienced in the past.

The Annual Mass was once again poorly attended and I would ask you all to bear in mind the date of the Mass this year, 9 November, and to attend in droves bringing your wives, friends and relations. There is no charge for coffee and biscuits which will be available afterwards. With just a few more members present we should be able to fill to capacity the front bench of the Chapel!

The car rally was enjoyed by all who took part and there was an extremely good turn out for the Annual Dinner. Sadly, both events resulted in a further financial burden for the Association.

Your Committee, in its wisdom, decided that there was no urgent need to change the name of the Association while there were still boys at the college who were taught by the Xaverian Brothers. This situation will of course have to be reviewed in the not too distant future. All boys leaving the new Clapham College will be eligible to join the Association.

The 100 Club has made a major contribution to the Ground Fund. The size of the Fund to date is extremely encouraging. However, there is no room for complacency and even greater efforts are required if this project is to be brought to fruition. There is a continuing need for young members of the Association to serve on the Committee. Those elected last year have made their mark and have done sterling work on your behalf.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Committee for their efforts over the past year and I am convinced that the new Chairman can look forward to the same support that I have enjoyed during my term of office.

Scotty. Sorry to hear about Tom. He was in my class and always good for a laugh. I'm sure he had a younger brother at Clapham and am surprised we didn't hear from him. I can't remember if Tom was on your list. Best wishes Ted

Scotty, Thank you for your email, I am glad that he had your Association and that you say he lived a full and good life. I saw in the solicitor's paperwork that his wife died quite young and that he spent many years alone which saddened me. People who knew him in the village said that he never looked at another woman so she must have been the true love of his life. I'm glad though that he had your 'old boys' to keep him company. I visited his grave today in case the dates help you with your obituary. to know a bit more about the man who owned our house for many years. Charlotte

Tom O'Dee Clapham College Sporting Legend

Subject: Head Boy update and a favour

Hi Scotty,

I hope all is well with you, your family and friends and that you have got through the last 18 months relatively unscathed. I noticed that Scotty is compiling a list of head boys and I am proud that my name is on the list. An update to my entry is that my house was Canterbury.

Some time back either you or Scotty sent me picture of the 1st XI of 1970-71, Charlie Bond's team, which had appeared in Concordia. Several years ago, when I refereed in the Old Boys' League, I did a few COXA games and came to the clubhouse a couple of times.

I remember seeing on display the first XI of 1971-72, of which I had the honour of being captain. I'm putting together some highlights of my life for my grandchildren and would love to be able to include a copy of that photo. Among my team mates were Charlie Rettner, Gerry Taggart, Harry Hickland and John Galtrey to name but a few. If you were able to get hold of that photo (I'm sure it had a list of players on the back) and send me a copy, I'd be forever in your debt (a pint or 2 at the 2022 Chairman's Lunch perhaps).

I've emailed you as I no longer have Scotty's email (or at least can't find it).

Tom O'Dee (1965-1972)



I promised as search of the COXA Archive for Tom and not only found the photo he was searching for [for his grandchildren!] but found two others. The one above is the indoor photo [with a flash bulb [remember those - or you'd get a black outline]. The outdoor photo on the next page includes most of the team above with the addition of **Tad Dippel** and **Mick Collins**. I think the "muscle-bound" **Charlie Rettner** [now a famous scientist in the USA] must have been drafted in for **Tim** [don't let them shoot"] **Kelly**. Work out the changes in personnel and formation! Finally, notice the "colour" rugby team photo, again many of the same faces [and **Lennie Cleak**] - **John Ryan** - sensible trim [another story!].

Clapham College 1st XI in the early 1970s



Back Row [I think] Charlie Rettner, Nick Adams. Charlie Bond, John Ryan, Spud Murphy, Mick Galtrey
Front Row Mike [bouffant] Collins, Scotty Macdonald, Tom O'Dee. Mike Walsh, Tad Dippel

Each year I receive many requests from Old Boys for photos/articles to back up a story written for their grandchildren. The latest is the Tom O'Dee Story, legendary defender [Football] and prop forward [Rugby] and from his position in the teams ...“skip”!



I've printed a smaller version of this Team Photo from the 1950s before, but it is now "enhanced" with some "famous" Xaverian "names."



SECOND ELEVEN

Standing - Bob Shea, Mick Power, Mick Meade, Gerry Fitzpatrick,
Barry Cox, Jim Howard, Chris Thompson, Mick Gowan.
Kneeling - John McGuire, Pete Hurst, Pete Keenan, Jim Lyons.
Dick Cox-Horton.

'**Dr Stephen Frost** (Clapham College 1964-71) sadly passed away in February this year. **Son of Old Boy Tony Frost [evacuated to East Grinstead with CC]**. Steve was brought up in Cavendish Road. Attending St Bede's RC Primary, he proceeded to Clapham in 1964. A popular and able pupil, he went on to qualify in dentistry at King's College Hospital where he was a prize-winning student. Following a spell in Jersey with wife Amanda, they returned to Surrey settling in Sheen. Steve then established a highly successful practice in Epsom, retiring four years ago. He is sadly missed by Amanda, sons Simon and Jonathan and their families, and his numerous colleagues and friends.'



Watch the Website for the **Chairman's Lunch, details**, Friday 27th Jan 2023. Please beware fewer places "first come first served!"

**Paul David Tehan (Alpha)[Clapham College, 1962 - 1970] RIP
26th June 1951 - 25th March 2022, age 70.**

Sian (Paul's Wife) writes...

Unfortunately, I have some very sad news – Paul passed away last Friday. Over the last few years his health had really deteriorated as a consequence of the radiotherapy he had for treatment of tongue cancer back in 2007. Just over a month ago he had another bout of aspiration pneumonia and was admitted to the intensive care unit where he spent a couple of weeks on a ventilator. He was improving but last week his condition deteriorated and he passed away peacefully. It is a blessing for him as his quality of life had become so poor but as always it is very hard for those left behind.

He really enjoyed coming up to London for the Old Boys lunches, catching up with everyone and was always very worse for wear when I picked him up from the station :-)

Paul didn't want a big funeral so we are limiting it to just family and a few close friends. Please pass on the news to those who knew Paul

Sian



A selection of photos of Paul, a Clapham Xaverian who was “always there”. He loved his football great defender [don't think he ever had a shot!]. Tours, Norbury, Lunches; Paul, always “understated” - will be sorely missed; RIP Paul



Christine Burke [widow of Seamus] died recently - so soon after Seamus

At Christine's funeral there was a good turn out of old boys. Amongst the mourners were Colin Garvey, Mick Duffy, Trevor Jones, Chris Kavanagh (and his wife Gillian), John Hickey (and his daughters Mauve and Hannah), Brian Burke (Seamus' younger brother who also delivered the eulogy) and Eddie O'Brien

Colin Garvey, Mick Duffy, Trevor Jones, Chris Kavanagh (and his wife Gillian), John Hickey



The family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for all the kindness and sympathy shown to them in their bereavement.

We invite you to join us after the service at
The Kings Head, 84 Upper Tooting Road SW17 7PW.

If you would like to make a donation in memory of Christine
your kind contributions will go to

British Heart Foundation
c/o Evershed Brothers Ltd
501 Garratt Lane, Earlsfield, London SW18 4SW.
Tel: 020 8874 1490

Independent Funeral Celebrant
Sarah Port
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A Service of Celebration
for the life of



Christine Burke

16th November 1958 – 6th February 2022

Putney Vale Cemetery, West Chapel
Monday 7th March 2022
12.15pm



What an "line-up"

Three COXA Chairman, three Heads [in five] and a housewife - who wouldn't you argue with?- 100% Mrs Webber.



Eric St John Foti - Clapham College 1937 to 1941 - our oldest Xaverian dies



Eric St John Foti, a Norfolk Catholic entrepreneur and inventor, has died at the age of 94. Sr Francis Ridler FDC pays tribute. Eric was a man of faith and someone who made things happen. With his wife, Marion he raised 8 children of his own and fostered another 24 children. He was born on January 13, 1926 and when he died, on January 4, was nearly 95 years old. My relationship with Eric began when his family were adults and he was living at

Downham Market, and Collector' World was his brain child. It was a truly an eccentric place with an eclectic mix of collections that he had hoarded and that people had donated to him, a museum that appealed to children and the young of heart.

Eric was an inspiring and generous character who loved nuns and had brought up his large family in Arundel Priory, part of Arundel Castle. So, in Downham Market, he soon made friends with the Sisters from Sacred Heart Convent, Swaffham. He had a small chapel with the Nativity always on show and we would sometimes go to the Tuesday Masses. Eric's faith was deep and strong and he used to explain the existence of God by talking about the workings of a watch. This fascinated the teenagers who we took for retreat days at Hermitage Hall. Eric would take fantastic photos of the Year 11 leavers' groups, rush them to be printed and present them to the pupils at the end of their extraordinary retreat day.

We formed a partnership with Eric and for years we brought children to perform at a carol concert interspersed with small dramas given by our speech and drama group in the Nelson Room. It was like a theatre with an upper room leading out onto a balcony and the audience below. Eric believed that anything was possible so, with only an hour's practice, these performances took place. Afterwards we were all treated to mince pies and the famous non-alcoholic Norfolk Punch.

Eric involved the school in his many projects and called the children to be guards of honour or just to have an extraordinary experience. They came to hand roses to Dame Barbara Cartland and experienced the opening of the Pink Room dedicated to her. They met the actress Lisa Goddard and drove around the premises with her in one of his famous Sidley Armstrong cars. Freddie and the Dream Makers was another time we celebrated together and heard one of the band perform. Eric with all his ingenuity and innovation had a child-like heart and the real meaning of Christmas was something he wished to make known and celebrate all year round. He loved Our Lady and on one of his trips to Turkey he and Marion visited the house at Ephesus where Mary lived with St John until her assumption into heaven. In order to build a replica of their home he brought back photos and a stone to be the foundation of the building. This was a shrine dedicated to peace and a place where Christians and Muslims would meet in prayer. It was blessed by our Bishop **Peter Smith - also an old Xaverian.**

Brother Dunstan goes to Rome, tribute to Sean Byrne and Joseph Campbell - [bit random]

1933 Pilgrimage to Rome. When the Holy Father proclaimed the Holy Year, he expressed the wish that the faithful should go to Rome in very large numbers to visit the four great Basilicas, and to endeavour to gain the Jubilee Indulgence. Thanks to the very great kindness of some of my friends, I had the privilege during the Month of May of making this journey. ' At the request of the Secretary of the C.O.X.A. I am contributing this article in the hope that it may interest some readers of Concordia and may even be the means of convincing a few that a visit to Rome before the expiration of the Holy Year, April, 1934, would benefit them both spiritually and temporally. Our Party which consisted of Mr. W. S. Bishop, K.S.G., the supreme Knight of the Knights of St. Columba, Mrs. Bishop, three of their daughters, their youngest son-a pupil of our Preparatory School and myself set out from London on the morning of Friday, 19th May, we decided that we would travel direct to Rome. Our itinerary was as follows: - London, Dover, Calais, Paris, Dijon, Bourg, Aix-les-Bains, Chambery, Modane, Mont Cenis Tunnel, Turin, Genoa, Rapallo, La Spezia, Pisa, Rome

This note was from "Br Dunstan's folder," he obviously loved to travel. Possibly a COXA Trip we might not organise today...but then.....who knows

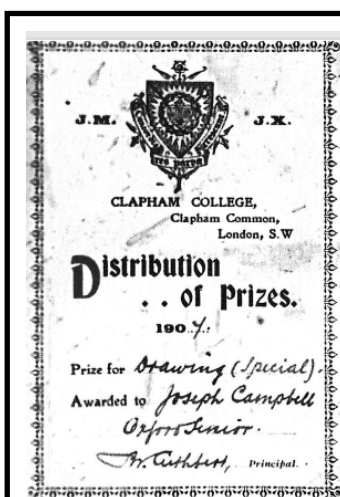
Had quick run through the last Concordia. A good read, as ever.

A story from my years at the CC, comes to mind.

The name **Sean Byrne** comes with a story. But, only if he i's the right Sean Byrne. If he contacts you regarding the missing picture. See if you can get him to relate the tale of the **Alternate-Games-Master's Trousers**.

Johnny Green, an ex-military PTI, was standing in for **Tom Marshall**. Somebody nicked his trousers, for a laugh; so, he had to go home in his tracky-bottoms. If the trousers were returned, no further action would be taken. The trousers were returned the next day. Johnny Green was hiding in a cupboard in his Office, when the trousers were returned.

The rest of the story should be known to Sean Byrne. Unless, of course; there's more than one S. Byrne on the CC books.



A Prize given to a boy in 1907, must have been one of the first "Prize Days" [I have a few dozen]. Awarded to a talented **Joseph Campbell** for "Drawing". His prize was Cruikshank's Water Colours, worth a few bob today. Joseph was at Clapham from 1906-1910. He went to St Mary's, Teacher Training, taught Art -Bournemouth.

CRUIKSHANK'S
WATER COLOURS
WITH INTRODUCTION BY
JOSEPH GREGO · PUBLISHED
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It is with great sadness that we have recently heard for the death of John Rayer
Clapham College 1959 to 1966 [proud Walsingham & Alpha]

John, a man of many talents will be sadly missed by everyone who ever came across him. He started at Clapham College in 1959 [as did his **father John**, who was at Clapham from 1927 to 1933]. His **brother Peter** was also at the College. John was proud of his father's time at Clapham [who was an excellent sportsman] and started at the College with a First Year for his parents to be proud of, when he came "first" in the academic examinations, out of the 33 boys, in 1 Alpha.



John Rayer .. Possibly an irreverent tribute to John, but gives you an insight into a great bloke [and a really nice man - that's a truly genuine compliment].

Old Boy John Rayer was former Grand President of UK Catenians . His work took him all over the world including India, Australia and Africa.

Dear Brother, The funeral Mass of Brother John Rayer RIP will be held at St John Fisher's Catholic Church, Thanet Road, Bexley, DA5 1AP at 10.00 am on Wednesday 27 July followed immediately by a private family funeral. Anne and family have invited Catenians and families to remain for refreshments in the Church Hall after Mass and for a reception when the family returns. The Mass will be live streamed for Catenians who cannot attend the Mass. See attached information sheet for more information. Also see the attached map with details of car parking and hotels close to the Church.

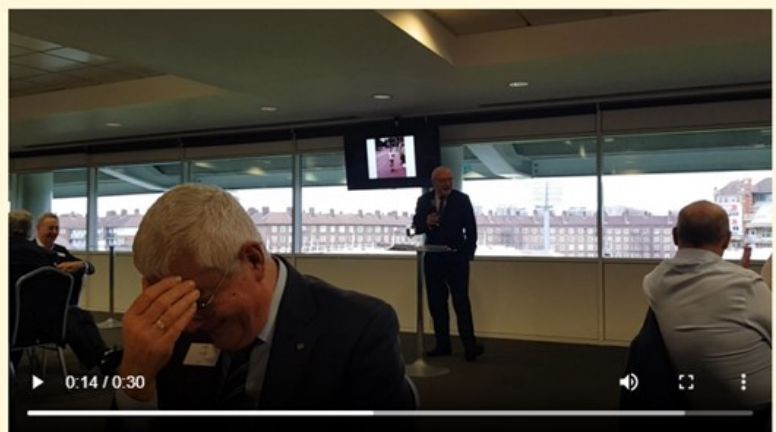
Anne has requested no flowers but donations to John's chosen charity can be made to the MND Association <https://johnrayer.muchloved.com/>

John and I were in the alphas, 1, 2 and 3 starting 1959.. I left whilst in 3 alpha. Always sad when an old class mate pass. May his soul rest in peace **STANLEY MARUT**

"I was only chatting to him a while ago, he was in such good form. Such sad news, a great man and a proud Xaverian.



2020 LUNCH – EAMONN'S WIFE – EVEN JOHN RAYER SMILED!



God Bless you John
++ Rest in Peace ++

Personalalia - Old Boys Jottings



One sad fact about my disorganised past year in terms of Concordia, was that John's final article for Concordia [and there were many] was he one below..so strange to add a recent article in the same edition as an obituary. John was so full of life, a sad, sad, loss.

Scotty, My wife Anne and I holidayed in Malta earlier this month I also used the visit to officiate at a Catenian function there. I was chatting to someone there who mentioned that they taught at a school in Clapham years ago and it turned out to be **David Felice Pace**.

David was appointed Head of Religious Education when Clapham College became a Comprehensive School in 1975 with **Cecil Pocock** as first Deputy. In 1983 he was promoted to Director of Studies and Sixth Form and then became Deputy Headmaster in 1985 and was then commissioned by the Diocese and the Local Education Authority to move the school to Battersea Girls School until it closed down in 1989.

I attach a photo of the two of us – I am the one in the blue shirt, David in the black – clearly stripes are de rigueur for ex-Clapham in Malta.

If anyone wants to know about becoming a Catenian have a look at the Catenian Association website or ask one of the Catenian old boys.

Regards John Rayer (1959-1966)

Dear Mike,

Thank you for your letter of the 15th May and I am sorry for my delay in replying to it as I have been away.

I am enclosing herewith the standing order form duly completed for an annual membership as requested.

I am also pleased to know that the port will be available for collection after Mass.

There is one small query – I have received your note of the people who will be attending the Dinner etc., and I note that I am down for the Dinner on the Saturday. Unfortunately, I did not book for this and I am not able to attend as I have another engagement on that date.

In reply to your request about former schoolmates, the only ones that I have kept up with are Ron Westwood of "Rosemead", Park Avenue, Salfords, Surrey and the Reverend Father Cyril Murtagh care of his sister at 8 Drakefield Road, London, S.W.17. I left Clapham College in 1941 to go to the Seminary.

I look forward to the Centenary Mass and buffet. Thank you for all the work you do.

Yours sincerely,

E.H. St. John-Foti

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10th September 1997

Mr. Mike Power

A letter to Mick Power, then the editor of CLAPPER IN 1997. It was from Eric St John Foti who recently died, our very oldest Xaverian.. Have to work out who that title now passes on to. John lived an interesting life, "GOOGLE him" - but don't listen to him!

Never went to Clapham College - but a "paid-up" and active COXA member.

Val Newey, a friend of **Brendan Kearns**, joined us on many rambles last year and decided to join the Xaverians.

He writes...Thanks for accepting me. I sent £20 to cover two years subscription as I don't want to temp fate by signing up for life (78 this year)! The info you requested is as follows.

V. R. Newey Braxted Park...Streatham [a little background]

Born in Beckenham, uneducated at Alexandra Secondary Modern school. Subsequently left at 14, unqualified. Taught myself electronics and later software engineering.

Worked at Imperial College for several years designing control systems in chemical engineering. Then at St Georges Hospital working in medical science for 35 years, of which several were spent on cardiac pacemaker design. I gained an MPhil in ultrasound image analysis using AI, with several papers published and a few patents granted. Have been a volunteer for RNIB for over 45 years. Now in retirement, digging a plot and losing the plot!

And more.....

Hi Scotty,

Thank you and all the others for the great walk yesterday. It was a big surprise to me seeing the poppy trail and gave me much food for thought.

I should like to subscribe to your old boys news letter and as mentioned yesterday I attach the poem below which you might like to consider for the newsletter, or to just forward.

Granezza, 1918

**Still mountain pass, high the fragrant pine.
Set humble, midst majestic beauty,
there, do simple headstones, line on line,
in hallowed calm, align with duty.
Sheltered by a cross, sequestered bones,
hidden sacred, neath the forest floor.
Sad, young Tommy lads, the spirit groans.
Dreams, awry, that strains of love once bore.
The ruined splendour of lost vernal years.
Joys transfixed to rending misery.
Bloodshed, baptised by a rain of tears.
Guard, oh grave, the fruit of calvary.
Aura, sublime, steeps the heroes field,
masking a sordid shadow of death.
Our deepest condolment can but yield,
hollow, the words, wrung so warm in breath.**



Many years ago I was walking in the Dolomites with my wife, Maria, and some Italian friends who took us to the English WW1 cemetery at Granezza, Asiago.

It was very small, shaped like a cross, and I was stopped in my tracks by the fact that most of the headstones were for young men around late teens, early twenties. The brother of Vera Brittain, author of "Testament of Youth" is also buried there.

I found it a moving experience that I have never forgotten and it brought home to me the futility of war. If anyone is interested, there is quite a lot of info about the cemetery on-line. It spurred me to write this short poem, which I have never shown to anyone, as the fashion is for open poetry, but I thought on the Epsom walk that you guys might like to see it, as it could also describe other war cemeteries. Please be as critical as you like, I am not a poet.

Best wishes Val ... what a great introduction for a new member to COXA...

Reader's Letters and a photo of Johnny Haynes - no idea why !!

Hi Scotty,

I recently got the Winter 2022 edition of Concordia, along with your letter concerning membership and the continued publication of Concordia. I'd be happy to read Concordia online, saving you the expense of sending it to me.

I appreciate your sending Concordia to me over the years and my connection with Clapham College that it helps to maintain. I'll also make a small contribution via the bank details you supplied. You have used a lot of stamps to get Concordia to me in the past.

Regards, Steve [Sanders]



Help; why did I add a photo of Johnny Haynes six months ago? Any clues on this page?

Scotty, Enjoyed the visit to Norbury. So sad to hear about the "passing" of **Bene**.

I did mention to Eddie that I would be interested in the Rambles. Unfortunately at the moment I have had to curtail my running / walking as I have a petty painful Heel. I have had Plantar Fasciitis and now have Heel Spurs to content with. I am waiting for an MRI. So 30th Dec may be too soon for me but keep me informed, I do love a long walk these days. Defo plan to get to the Lunch end Jan and hopefully Keith will get there too.

All the best for now, Joe [Joe did make it and **Keith** too came along to the Summer Lunch.]
Joe McElligott, the fittest of Xaverians, what happened? - now an active COXA member"!

COXA GOLF DAY JUNE - RESULTS

BY FRANK BARRETTA - On the hottest day of the year, some scorching scores!
[they may well have been "scorching" Frank - but I never understand them and have lost them! Check on the Website if you want the individual scores - sorry.
Firstly a big thank you to **Aidan Coletta** (who went down with Covid just a few days before) for organising such a great day for both COXA Members and their Guests alike.

Also, thanks must go to **John Pettley** and **Steve Gordon** for their kind sponsorship and donation, and to **Frank Hixon** for doing the scoring.

Lastly, many thanks to all who turned out to support the day and very many congratulations to all of this years **Winners 2022**

The Stan Miller Memorial Trophy - Tony O'Shea (44 points)

Eamonn Taggart Memorial Trophy (Members Nearest the Pin) - Paul Smith

Guests Stapleford Score - Del Rowlands (38 points)

Guest Nearest the Pin - Garry Rainger **[PS Photos on Website too - lazy Ed"]**

Members & Guest Nearest the Pin (in 2 shots) - Steve Gordon

IN MEMORIAM: DR WILLIAM HERBERT CECIL "LIAM" SMITH

Scotty, Some time ago I came across an obituary in the Guardian's 'Other Lives' section of **Liam Smith**, who taught at Clapham College in the mid-1950s.

I started at the College in 1953 and the highlight of that year was a visit to Canterbury Cathedral organised by **Messrs Pocock & Smith**. A recent issue of Concordia contained a photograph of that trip together with comments about the antiquated coaches that took us there. I think Liam Smith was it one of those photographs. In addition to teaching History, he also taught Geography in the lower school. When I was in the second form, he took us to Hampton Court and I believe he taught Italian in the Sixth Form. I think he may have left the College in 1955 and I was surprised to bump into him later on the Northern Line when he was working at Henry Thornton.

I was hoping to send you the original Guardian obituary, but I seem to have mislaid it. However, the attached article from the Goldsmith website gives some insight into a remarkably charismatic man and his career. Clapham's loss! Best wishes, **Alec Morrish**

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26th of September 1925 to 14th of September 2017.



The following is the eulogy written and delivered by Jim Chester at Liam's funeral.

We are here to remember, and celebrate, the life of William Herbert Cecil Smith. Who of course was known to all of us, simply, as Liam.

And what a life it was!

Born on the 26th of September 1925, in 2 weeks' time, Liam would have been 92. He was born and raised in Coleraine, Northern Ireland, and was always proud to be Irish.

Throughout his life he always carried an Irish passport. He was the son of a solicitor and came from a long family line involved in the legal profession. As a very young man, Liam was only just eligible for wartime military service, but towards the end of World War 2, he served as a radio operator in the navy, and saw active service, particularly in South Asia. He was demobilised in 1946 and after the war, he entered Dominican novitiate training, to become a priest, but soon realised that that was not the life for him. He decided instead to pursue an academic career. He read European History at Queen's University, Belfast, graduating with a First in 1950, and embarked on his doctoral studies at King's College London – his focus at this stage being on Anglo-Portuguese Relations in the mid-19th century. Liam was awarded his doctorate in 1965. He had done research in Lisbon and was asked to stay on by President Salazar but his liberal convictions meant he was unable to accept the idea of working for the authoritarian Portuguese government.

In the late 1950s, Liam moved to Singapore, where he taught at the university for a period of three years, before returning to the UK and a brief period as a schoolmaster at the Henry Thornton Grammar School as well as Clapham College. The turning point in his academic career though came in 1962, when he was appointed to a lectureship at Goldsmiths' College, becoming the Head of History Department, a post he held until his retirement in 1985.

Along the way, he also taught at the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, one of France's most prestigious educational establishments, during a sabbatical period in 1979 to 1980. His research work as an historian was extensive and led to many publications – an early volume 'Nicholas II – The Last Tsar' was written as part of a series aimed at A-level students, but the most significant part of his work focussed on the French Second Empire and resulted in a radical re-appraisal of Napoléon III. His first study of Napoléon III was published in 1973 and he returned to the same subject ten years later with a completely new version, which he wrote in French for the publisher Hachette.

In 1989, he published a French biography of the Empress Eugenie for which he was awarded the prestigious Prix Napoléon in the same year. Though never formally honoured for his achievements in Britain, in France, he was highly acclaimed. He became a Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques in 1991 and a further award came in 2001 when he was made an Officer de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, (an honour bestowed on him by the Ambassador, at the French Embassy, here in London). He produced a final study, of the Bonaparte family, in 2005. Throughout much of his working life, Liam was also a trustee at Farnborough Abbey (the final resting place of both Napoléon III and the Empress) and he also acted as an informal advisor to the Bonaparte family.

Indeed, Liam was a man of many talents – he was fluent in French and Portuguese and had more than a passable facility in Italian and Russian. He was incredibly widely-read, and by no means exclusively in his own sphere of academic expertise. He had a life-long love of music and took an active interest in both the theatre and the cinema. Above all, he was admired, and loved, by a wide circle of friends who will miss him greatly.

He had an amazing life, living and working all over the world and his address book is full of the most extraordinary people. But towards the end, he felt he was ready to meet his maker. As he said to me on many occasions: "it's been a lovely party, but now, I'm ready to go home".

Thank you for this obituary Alec, seemed like an extraordinarily talented guy. This is a wonderful link to the last editor of the COXA publication "Clapper", which was replaced with a return to Concordia in 2014. Interesting that Alec found an article on "Liam" whom I did not have a single word on in my Clapham Archive:- he's there now, Scotty



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Almost everyone
who went to France
caught Covid - so
two who didn't
made France turned
up [next year Jake!!]

Scotty, You are doing an absolutely fantastic job for the O X's, I have read the winter Concordia several times and have enjoyed every bit of it, you do not know the pleasure that this " news from home "!!! is appreciated by us exiles!!!

I have just read the paper on the Battle of the Somme another fantastic effort by **Aidan**, this is a subject in which I do have an interest could you please let me have Aidan's address? I remember him well from the football and the cricket of the 60's and would love to exchange some information with him.

I am now retired and should have some time on my hands and will try to write something for you. I wish you and all Xaverians a very HAPPY and SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR, have a great Chairman's lunch and keep up the good work!! **Jim Howard**

Dear Scotty,

Bernard mentions that his brother Henry and cousins **Laurence and Anthony Richardson** were all at CC in the 1950s. While at CC I was in a folk group with Anthony (guitar) along with **Michael Wilson, John D'Arcy and Ian McCann**. Some years later my youngest brother, **Kevin**, was a student at the Architectural Association School in Bedford Square. We **Donnellys** must all look alike because Michael Wilson approached him and asked him if we were related. After I left CC I lost touch with all the boys in the band. Any idea what became of them? All best wishes,

Brian Donnelly I have just heard that **Dennis Seradi**, very sadly, passed away a couple of weeks.

Dennis and I were classmates - he shared a flat in London for a short while after Clapham with **Michael Wilshaw** [never did HIM any harm!!]

Our Own **Archbishop Peter Smith**

If you have some spare time, listen to the homily given by Archbishop John Wilson at the Burial Liturgy of Archbishop Peter Smith [good stuff]

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-8O_g9fPINU

Fresh from his silver medal at the Tokyo Olympics, **Ethan Hayter** came 1st. in the Tour of Norway. His brother Leo, aged 18, finished 45th. in the same race. Ethan will soon be taking part in the Tour of Britain.

Scotty, I hope you're keeping well. On a recent trip to Sri Lanka I bumped into Andy Brannon on both the flight and at the cricket in Galle and Kandy. [2018]

Photos attached if you wish to include in the latest edition of Concordia. Cheers, Connor Rooney [thanks for info about you wedding Connor (none) sure an Old Boy must have been invited!]



Golden oldies at Low Moor

Age is no barrier to playing league cricket — ask Low Moor Holy Trinity's famous five, who are all 50 or over.

Pride of place goes to 56-year-old bowler Peter Tetley, who has played 47 years with the club, taking more than 2,100 league wickets.

David Pryke, 55, has been there for 18 years after moving from London, where he played friendly cricket with Clapham Old Xaverians.

David Pipe, 50, has played with Low Moor for 21 years, having previously played with Clayton Methodists.

Ken Overend, 50, has had 13 years there after formerly playing with YMCA, and another experienced campaigner is Brian Kelly, 50, a former Bradford City footballer, who has had five years service since leaving Great Horton Methodists.

OLDIES, BUT GOODIES:

Low Moor's famous five.

From left: Peter Tetley, Ken Overend, Brian Kelly, David Pipe, Brian Pryke

Gents, [Committee]

My best moments from previous battlefields trips (no particular order.)

- The Last Post at the Menin Gate (several times).
- A beer with **Harry** at Pegasus Bridge.
- Brendan reading ' Dulce et Decorum Est ' at the Wilfred Owen grave.
- Tyne Cot - the size, yet intimacy of it.
- **Eddie** reading prayers over COXA graves .
- **Mick** telling us about **Noel Chevasse VC**. .. He was bursting with pride and emotion.
- **David** saying over so many COXA graves - ' We may be the only ones to pray over this grave in 100 years.'
- Seeing that section of the Somme Battlefield , where 2two Xaverians died on July 1st and July 8th.
- That guy saying to us in Arras - ' You'll be here for Gay Pride , lads ?' [of course we were]

Thanks to **David, Mick, Scotty, Aidan** and all. Regards **Col. Garvey**

Dear Scotty, I was a couple of years (53-60) ahead of **Dick Benson** and our last brief contact was during a House match at Norbury in 1960. **Col Garvey** abetted by **Phil Gray** persuaded me to come out of retirement and keep goal against Dick's House (I cannot remember which it was). The score was 3-3 and in the last minute Dick scored what he thought was the winner but the ref **Tom Marshall** disallowed his goal, quite wrongly, for a foul on me. Dick appealed in a spectacular and very vocal manner and very understandably but Tom was not to be moved. I can only surmise that Mr Marshall had decided overall that a draw was a fair result !

All the best **David Walters**

[certainly NOT the Clapham way]

Hi Scotty, Firstly, thank you for approving my membership [he'll learn!]

In the past few years I've re-established contact with a few of my year mates and it is a consequence of that reunion that I would like to attend my first Chairman' Lunch. In the process of buying my ticket online I seem, rightly or wrongly, to have applied for the football team as well. You do need to know, however, that I was always rubbish at football, so I'm not the best person to be offering any coaching skills to anyone.

You're absolutely right, us Finnegan's are from Balham and we are all survivors of our time at the Holy Ghost. I joined Clapham College in September 1965. I have a brother Matthew born October 1952 who attended BTG - Bishop Thomas Grant in Streatham. I have a trio of sisters. Bridget born December 1950 went to the Holy Family in Tooting and has lived in Australia for the past 50 years, Mary, born February 1957, went to La Retraite and lives in Leicester and Christine, born December 1962, also went to the Holy Family, lives in Bromley. It would be interesting to see how their paths intersected with the ladies in your extended family. That is quite a story you tell about half a football team hoovering up a trio of Nolan girls [that's another "less famous trio" - ours was the Doolan sisters. That must make your family gatherings interesting affairs. Scotty, I very much look forward to seeing you at the lunch and it will be interesting to see if I recognize any other faces.

Wishing you and your family a great Christmas and hope that you all keep safe. Best wishes. **Martin Finnegan**

Recently COXA Papal Knights **Colin Garvey** and **Michael Straiton** were communicating and exchanged the photograph, on the next page, worthy of inclusion in any Concordia. The correspondence began as Michael was unable to attend the Papal Knights Dinner [who would imagine such an event existed?] The photograph follows a well-worn trend of "Xaverians meet the Pope" that has been catalogued in Concordias over the years.

Pope John Paul II sometimes called Saint John Paul or John Paul the Great, born Karol Józef Wojtyła (Polish: 18 May 1920 – 2 April 2005), was the 264th Pope of the Catholic Church from 16 October 1978 to his death in 2 April 2005. He was the second longest-serving pope in history. As a Pole, he was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. The last non-Italian pope was Pope Adrian VI, who died in 1523.

As Michael said to Colin "it's nice to have a chat about old times" [why else do Xaverians meet?].and went on to add "Those times were so different then those today, we are living in a different world. Climate Change has suddenly caught on. As a boy growing up in Stockwell before the Second World War, I remember the awful "Pea Soup Fogs"; you would open the front door and smoke poured in, the wallpaper in the staircase turned black."

Michael went on to wish the Old Boys all the best and that he would try to get to one of the future Lunches. Michael enclosed the photograph of himself meeting with [saint] Pope John Paul II, [if we would be interested!]. At that time [1987] John is seen presenting a scroll, he had drawn, to Pope John Paul. Come back and see us again soon...

DR MICHAEL STRAITON – OLD XAVERIAN

At the outbreak of WWII I was evacuated from Stockwell, south London to live with my grandparents in Edenbridge, Kent, near the Biggin Hill fighter aerodrome. In September 1940 aged nine I watched the Battle of Britain being waged high overhead, the spent shell-cases rained down with tinkling on the roof. During morning break in the playground of our small school there was a massive roar and all went momentarily black as a disabled British bomber with only one engine functioning passed overhead to crash beyond the village. The crew had baled out, the pilot saw that he was heading straight for us and managed to pass over before crashing. We believed that he gave his life to save us! In 1943 I won a scholarship to Clapham College in the footsteps of another Old Xaverian my uncle **Lieu Colonel Laurence Mahony**. He was later to be in the first Allied Army brigade to relieve the Belson death camp in 1945.

I with other boys we were billeted at Barton St. Mary, a requisitioned Lutyens manor house a mile outside East Grinstead in Kent. Anthony Richins was billeted in the town. One day we learned that a bomber had crashed nearby so we cycled over to investigate. The Home Guard had bagged up all the ammunition so we shook some out and obtained belts of cannon shells and tracer bullets and other goods that we took back to Barton St Mary. I unscrewed the detonator at the front end of one cannon shell, the size of a cigarette-end, which we took to the garden and put it on a stone bench. As we all stood round, one of us hit it with a brick. Unexpectedly there was a loud explosion and our outstretched hands were showered with tiny shrapnel fragments. Bleeding, we were whisked off to East Grinstead Hospital for dressing. While there we saw some of Sir Archibald McIndoe's "Guinea Pigs", the badly burned airmen for whom the famous plastic surgeon had revolutionised their treatment.

Soon there were V1 pilot-less "flying bombs" dropping all around us; one landed in the middle of East Grinstead leaving a massive crater of destruction. We were then transferred to Taunton, where we remained until the end of the War. We returned home to London. After five years studying there, I passed the necessary exams, with the invaluable help of one teacher **Ernie Wright**, and was accepted as a student at the Charing Cross Hospital Medical School where I qualified in Medicine in 1955. After serving in different disciplines I specialised in Ophthalmology at Moorfields Eye Hospital in London until retirement.

In 1980, after learning that the Holy See had a large and worrying annual deficit, I founded with others a new charity – The Friends of the Holy Father. The purposes are to pray for the pope's intentions; to endeavour to make his teaching better known and to raise funds that would be useful, such as providing the first computers for the English Section of the Sec. of State and for the Pontifical Academy of Sciences in the Vatican Gardens, laser equipment for the Vatican Museums to clean ancient objects and frescoes, equipping the chapel of Pope John Paul's Peace Centre in Jerusalem. More information on our website - thefriendsoftheholyyfather.org. Membership is open to all.

The picture below is me offering our *Peter's Pence* booklet to Pope St. John Paul II.



Another presentation - here in 1987, **Michael** presents a Scroll of the 85 Blessed Martyrs to the Pope in St Peter's Basilica

More from Terry Sheahan, our "new" Old Member from the 1950s, he writes...

Looking through some of the photos I noticed one of **Mr Smith** our music teacher, a well intentioned man but with a severe sialoquacious affliction that earned him a rather unfortunate and cruel nickname.

Our intake in 1957 was just after the start of ITV and we were bombarded daily with advertising jingles a lot of which were set to classical music pieces, not I think with any intention of gentrifying the masses but rather that they were out of copyright.

One such jingle was on behalf of the Shippams fish paste company set to the Blue Danube which must have had poor old Johann turning in his grave. When our weekly music lesson was upon us there was a mad rush to get to the music room, not out of enthusiasm for the subject but to secure a desk at the back so as to be out Mr Smith's prodigious spray range.

One day he decided to test our classical music knowledge playing a series of pieces which we had to identify, this to a bunch of lads who were more au fait with Elvis than Elgar. The blank looks really told the story until finally he launched into a stirring rendition of the Strauss classic and a wave of recognition swept over the class and almost all scribbled something down on a mainly empty sheet of paper. I can only imagine the number of OMG groaning thoughts that went through his mind as he surveyed our answers when 22 out of 24 students wrote down "Shippams for tea" in response to the great waltz. It is thought that the 2 lads who didn't provide any answer only had access to BBC. My house was Glastonbury, still trying to find any photos taken at the time. Terry

Very interesting, last Concordia. The 1st X1 football shirts in 1928/29, with the c collars, look the same as the ones we were issued with, by Br Ambrose, in the '60s!!

The 1925 Inspection extracts were particularly worthy of note. I wonder if you have ever been in contact with **Michael Whilshaw**, Head of OFSTED from 2012-16? He was a Clapham College pupil in the 1950s & I remember reading an article that he wrote in a Sunday paper years ago where he quoted **Cecil Pocock's** enthusiasm as one of the reasons he pursued a teaching career. One of my daughters worked for him when she taught at Mossbourne Academy. Good a good grounding of what to do and not to do at his time as a pupil, Head of History at Clapham and later St Thomas the Apostle! [earned his Knighthood]

I attended College from 1956 to 1962 and enjoyed the annual trips to Mayfield school camp, would like to see the file for 1962 - .Thanks Ray McNally

Clapham Old Xaverians have always managed t communication by word of mouth, the back of Woodbine packets and telegrams. A huge group has an email that does not work, cannot take attachments or COXA never had an email address for them - or has a RonPeter-snaked@BritishAiways.co.uk address [please email to me at **donmiamac1234@sky.com** - or **LETTER to D.Macdonald 12 Farrow Drive, Windmill Views. Barnham, West Sussex PO22 0FN**

My **deepest apologies**, Concordia is two months late... the articles might not be in “sync”, the Chairman’s piece might seem out of place, as he looks forward in anticipation to events that have already taken place [check for yourselves]. Clapham Xaverians have sent in many interesting letters, articles, appeals and photographs that might have been included in this issue, saved for Concordia 27, or completely forgotten. Apologies again. If “the gem” you sent in please drop me an email, it was not rudeness, or ignorance, I’m seventy and feeling it! The editor has not completely “lost it” - well, for you to judge. He has had to endure the A-Levels of eldest daughter, [good passes now at “Uni”]. We moved house to near Chichester, downsizing from five to three-bedroom, overseen the “two-grand” operation of “Tess” the beagle [doing fine], new school for youngest daughter [tie & blazer], wedding in Italy, summer holiday too, survived the COXA Summer Lunch am incredibly unfit, not organising a COXA Ramble for three months.....utterly useless excuses, I know, but sorry.

There is a richness, warmth and depth in this Association that is often difficult to put into words. That so many different generations over the years are constantly drawn back to COXA. there is that special attraction that it would take a far better scribe than me to portray in words. Importantly the front cover shows us those who have gained companionship and solace from their association with Clapham Old Boys over the years and hopefully we can celebrate their time with us.

Front Cover - celebrating their lives. The front cover of Concordia is always a statement page for every issue. I like the fantastic photo, the great event, however, this issue is more about the celebration and joy that individual Xaverians have brought to us all. The front cover is made up of photographs of Clapham Old Xaverians, who have recently died. All had full, enjoyable lives that need to be celebrated, so instead of “hiding” then between football results and historical pieces, I've put their smiling faces on the cover. Later in this issue I’ve gone a little more into the details of their lives. Yes, some did depart far too young, one almost reached “100”, but nevertheless, they lived life to the full and should be celebrated as Xaverians and missed as departed friends. Due to my personal difficulties unfortunately more Clapham Xaverians have been lost to us since I folded away my laptop in June. Please accept my apologies for the disorganised nature of this issue, they will be remembered. A prayer for each one is not beyond us, and reminds us that we are a Catholic Association, Scotty [Macdonald]

* **My new address is 12 Farrow Drive, Barnham, [Chichester] West Sussex PO22 0FN ***

Terry Sheahan 1957 [remembers Alan Webber] - at last! I found someone!

Terry writes... left UK in 1967 and backpacked overland with a couple of mates eventually getting to New Zealand a year later and been here ever since. Worked in the meat industry, the rag trade and eventually became CEO of a charitable trust for the disabled which I did until my retirement 4 years ago. Married at 40 and still married with 3 children, two girls and a son.

All 3 graduated from Auckland university and both daughters now live in London (go figure). Kathleen, the elder, is a project manager for McGill and Partners International Insce Brokers, and Hannah was granted the Ernest Rutherford foundation scholarship to study at St John's College Cambridge for her PhD, which she successfully completed, much to our great pride. Hannah now works at Google "deep mind". Michael is a software developer for an international group here in Auckland. They must get their brains from my wife because I certainly didn't show any great aptitude (or probably attitude). Obviously there is a lot between 1961 and now but I don't know how much time and space you have!!!!



These are the photos I sent Terry, Alan Webber - both elegant and less elegant.

Thanks Scotty it was really great looking at all the photos etc.

I remember Alan Webber well, he was the first to leave at age 15 going into "The Print". We were all jealous as it was a closed shop and paid well, you had to know someone !!! . During the following year he turned up at school, a day off or injured whatever, and came into the class during Mr Begley's lesson making cheeky comments from the back of the class. At that point a totally flummoxed Mr Begley said "who is that boy" and Alan got up, said goodbye and walked out. We were all in fits . I don't think poor old **Mr Begley** ever worked out what happened.

As for the list of 1957 entrants there are several blanks that I could fill in, first names and other details. Even though I live on the other side of the world I do have a good memory for detail from that time.

My own primary school and **Andrew Fairman and Brian Yeomans**, was Good Shepherd in Moorside Rd Downham.

As an aside from the 1957 Concordia I noted a mention of St Joseph's Academy. I actually applied there first but was not accepted. ..*Terry's letter continues overleaf*

More Old Boys write to the Editor—"an avalanche" of responses...

Terry continues.....My brother did get into St Joseph's two years later and so did one of my mates (later my best man) who travelled to NZ. About 3 years ago we were lining up on the first tee of our golf club when a new chap joined us. Recognising the accent I asked about his background and he had been a student at St Joseph's, not only that but knew my brother. So after that the match became St Joseph's against the rest of the world. Who would think that sixty years after leaving school you turn up on the first tee on the other side of the world with a connection like that. Terry

As you can see Terry made it over to the UK to visit his daughters and met the "editor" for a tour of the College-thanks again Mark Preece..

Another visitor from abroad [one of the "loftier" Old Xaverians Brothers] - a real friend of COXA Br Peter] Campbell visited from the USA.



On his "whirlwind tour," Peter also went to East Grinstead, visited the Brother's garden at Mayfield, had a hurried lunch at the old pub in Mayfield Village and on the way back to London popped in to see Jake, [garden]. Later Peter posted me his Travelcard!

COXA VETS - 17.11.96 v Bos James XI



MELORAN O'BRIEN DOLAN WEBB McLOUGHLIN T
THURSTON AND WEST

KARP, BURKE, BROWN McLOUGHLIN AND CONDON



GIRLS' 8th XI - Friday, 2nd May, 1986

D. James, R. Webber, L. Lewis, H. Millar, C. Traynor, L. Rowe, S. Kent

Maseote, K. Carvey, S. Reeve, B. Webber (C), D. Paterson, K. Bacon

Writing
too small?
Read
online!!

All our Yesterdays - some recent history - 1997 Lunch



Some great faces
[and names] - sadly
a few no longer with
us.....

Still more to
come thanks
John - your
collection is
great



**1997 Chairman's
Lunch. A series of
photos from John
Leathem**



If you find one of these in your Concordia, free, but you could pay £5, or so, to COXA for it!

A very young COXA group at the Derby. The hair is great but the choice of attire sets them firmly in the BHS Autumn range for the “just can’t afford the quality gear look”. John Leathem is having problems with the wind, Mick McLoughlin is wearing a medium sized fur hat Current Chairman Dave shows off his bright red top, Tom McLoughlin in his “pre-Mr Pastry” days.

