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Celebrating 125 years

1960 to 1969

1897 – 2022

Clapham College

Clapham Old Xaverians





125 Years of Clapham College

Chapter 8 - 1960 to 1969



Fewer Brothers, Long Hair, A-Levels & Universities

Was this the most “boring” of decades, as if you go back over the “timeline” of Clapham College based on the “brothers” own records... and I quote. Only ONE entry in the 1960s [at that was right at the very beginning-almost in the 1950s].

1960 The boys started publishing their own magazine “The Clapham Xaverian” and that was it; 10 years of Clapham History, and within that decade, I started at Clapham [1963] AND WE GET ONE LINE .. and to add insult to injury, it was edited by a group of 18 year-old prefects who’d spent the 1950s at the College learning their “craft”. We’ll I can tell you FAR MORE happened at Clapham in the 1960s than a school mag! It proved the “injection” of “fresh blood” that the College and Old Xaverians required. It was that “shot in the arm” that the school needed, bright boys, 11-plus passers, sportsmen, humorous, brotherly and loyal, they swelled the numbers of the Xaverians, brought hippies and hair into the Old Boys. The sheer volume of these “mates” meant the Old Boys grew from one or two football team to NINE XIs [with reserves]. The social life of the College and Old Boys “exploded”. Schoolboys playing for school in the morning and the Old Boys in the afternoon. Between the two games “teachers” took their “pupils” for a pie and a pint IN THE PUB.... forget “WOKE”, politically correct behaviour, disciplinary action, court cases and dismissals, this was PROPER pupil/teacher interaction - no “funny business”. Proper men, making proper men of proper sportsmen...deep breath! It was a great decade, discos with standing room only, Tuesday night football training [Norbury] ending at 4am! The Clubhouse swelled to such an extent that it became the changing room and the huge pavilion was changed into one of the liveliest bars in the Old Boys League. There are huge numbers of men in their sixties and seventies who are active Old Boys Members. Too late in their careers for sport, but available to swell the numbers for Old Boys Lunches, Tours & Events. Rock On!

Xaverian Centenary's Celebration In London

This week the Xaverian Brothers, the famous teaching Congregation which has many houses in this country and other parts of the world, attained the centenary of its foundation.

The English celebrations, held in London, opened with Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving in the church of the Holy Ghost, Balham, in the presence of the Archbishop-Bishop of Southwark (Mgr. Amigo) and members of his Chapter. Of the large body of clergy present, about thirty were Old Boys of the Xaverian Colleges. Present also was the Very Rev. Bro. Aloysius, C.F.X. (Provincial), members of the Committee of Clapham College—the London centre of the Order—Brighton, Mayfield (Sussex), Manchester, Deeping St. James and Foxhurst, among other places.

The celebrant of the Mass was Canon Wm. Thompson (Rector of Balham), assisted by Fr. Warrilow, O.S.B. (Deacon) and Fr. R. Madden (Sub-Deacon). The music of the Mass was rendered by a choir from the Xaverian College, Mayfield.

In his sermon, Archbishop Amigo congratulated the Xaverian Brothers upon their centenary and upon the great educational work they had done, and were doing, in his diocese and in other places.

The clergy and other visitors were later entertained at luncheon by the Brothers in Clapham College.

Bro. Provincial, C.F.X. (Provincial) presided, and before proposing the Loyal Toast read messages of felicitation from the General of the Xaverian Congregation in Rome, and from the Houses of the Order in U.S.A., Belgium and the Belgian Congo, etc.

ARCHBISHOP'S TRIBUTE

Archbishop Amigo, proposing the toast, "The Xaverian Brothers," said he had known the Brothers and their work for a very long time, and in this connection alluded especially to

the zeal of Bros. Paul and Bonaventure at Hammersmith and Bro. Cyril as Provincial.

The Xaverian Brothers did well to start in Catholic Lancashire, he said. They began there in a small way and now had a most efficient college at Manchester. He admired their work, not only in Catholic Lancashire, but also at Mayfield, in the Southwark Diocese, where they started in 1868, and at Clapham and Brighton.

The Brothers were wonderful people. He was glad to see present that day many priests, secular and regular, who had been trained by the Brothers. His Grace concluded by wishing the Brothers every prosperity, and he prayed that all their colleges might flourish and promote many more vocations.

50 OLD BOYS NOW PRIESTS

Bro. Provincial, responding, expressed thanks to the Archbishop for his many kind references to the Brothers and their work. On their part, the Brothers were most grateful for the fatherly encouragement he had always given them. The presence that day of so many clergy was surely evidence of the fact that the Brothers had their goodwill and that they were appreciative of the work being done by the Brothers.

The Brothers had been able to send out invitations to more than fifty priests and religious who had received their early training in one or other of the Southern Schools of the Order.

Bro. Cyril, C.F.X., who has spent 53 years in the Order, proposed the toast of "The Guest of Honour," and spoke in reminiscent vein on the progress of the Congregation in this country and the efforts of the Brothers in fostering vocations to the priesthood.

Fr. E. L. Loman, M.A. (Battle) also spoke, and the Archbishop briefly replied.

Subsequently, there was Benediction in the college chapel, and at the close of the service the Te Deum was intoned.

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2. 1960s Icons in Photographs



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PEACE and LOVE



3. Icons of the '60s, on previous page - Editor's icons on his bedroom wall



We had this school cap from the 1950s - but I'm claiming it for the 1960s.. "big hair" decade never fitted anyone! Other "Years" liked our cap but "60s boys "loved" it. Was the embodiment of the 60s at Clapham, it was the decoration that set Clapham boys apart from the rest. That Badge". We were so unique; and that badge was well - our badge!!

4. What was Sir Nicholas Scott [Clapham College in the 1950s, doing in the 1960s?]

Sir Nicholas Scott, great friend and school chum of **Ted Hayter**, was an engaging bon vivant who became a hero of the Tory wets while serving for 31 years as the MP for Paddington (1966-74) and then Chelsea. He fought with his characteristic mixture of charm and principle to fend off Margaret Thatcher's more radical schemes and was the initial host of "Nick's Diner", the dining club where wets let off anti-Thatcher steam. Nick fought hard to retain a human face for British Conservatism.

Nick was one of the stars of the post-war generation of liberal, pro-European Young Conservatives (of whom few, except Ken Clarke, survive), rising to become president of the wets' organisation, the Tory Reform Group, which he helped to found. Unlike most Young Conservatives of his generation who later made it into the cabinet, Nick had no Oxbridge launching pad. He was born in London, the son of a Metropolitan

police inspector and an Irishwoman. His education was at Andrew's Streatham, was **College** [left in part-time at the London College Literary These were for modest jobs salesman, director, first then in many printing trade. aspirations were nurtured with a councillor on borough council. Islington South and 1964, he successful, in retaining the South seat for He instantly niche among MPs, attacking `discrimination foreign students



married to His modest: at St primary in at **Clapham** 1951 to go City of and the City Institute]. preparation as a executive or with Shell, firms in the His political first two stints as Holborn After fighting West in 1959 was 1966, in Paddington the Tories. carved out a liberal Tory racial against and

demanding more nursery education. In 1968 he refused to back the Tory shadow cabinet in its support of Labour home secretary James Callaghan's limit on the entry of East African Asians with UK passports. He was the first Tory MP sharply to attack Enoch Powell's 1968 attack on Commonwealth immigrants. A good bloke & good Xaverian.

5. Just the “sweetest” Clapham ? Old Xaverian photograph “EXR” taken



COXA First Year cricket team 1966

[Front Row] - **John Findlay, Niall Coldrick, Alan Sheridan, George Lipinski, John Hickey, Martin Hogan, Peter McKeon,**

[Back Row] **Paul West, Hugh Hickland, Charlie Rettner, Gerry Taggart, Seamus Burke.**

One of the better 1960s photographs in terms of content and Xaverians. Interestingly , many of these 11-year-olds went on to play cricket for the Old Xaverians as adults. Famously **Seamus Burke** [RIP, and still, sorely missed], **John Hickey**, hundreds of games for COXA. **Charlie Rettner** played in Clapham College’s first **RUGBY** side, then moved to the USA to make his fortune [and I mean fortune]. COXA Footballers, **Paul West, Gerry Taggart** and **Harry {Hugh} Hickland..** [RIP, far too soon]but the others “where are they now?” .. If you are around - or the Old Boys are still in contact please re-introduce them to the Old Xaverians [contact Scotty.]

The photograph was taken in the “Paddock” - they are “roughly” in the exact location of “Reception” at SFX . In the background is **Dunstan’s** greenhouse.

6. Cricket and football in the 1960s - Clapham boys - then Old Boys



er 12 cricket team playing in the paddock. - Courtesy of Seamus Burke



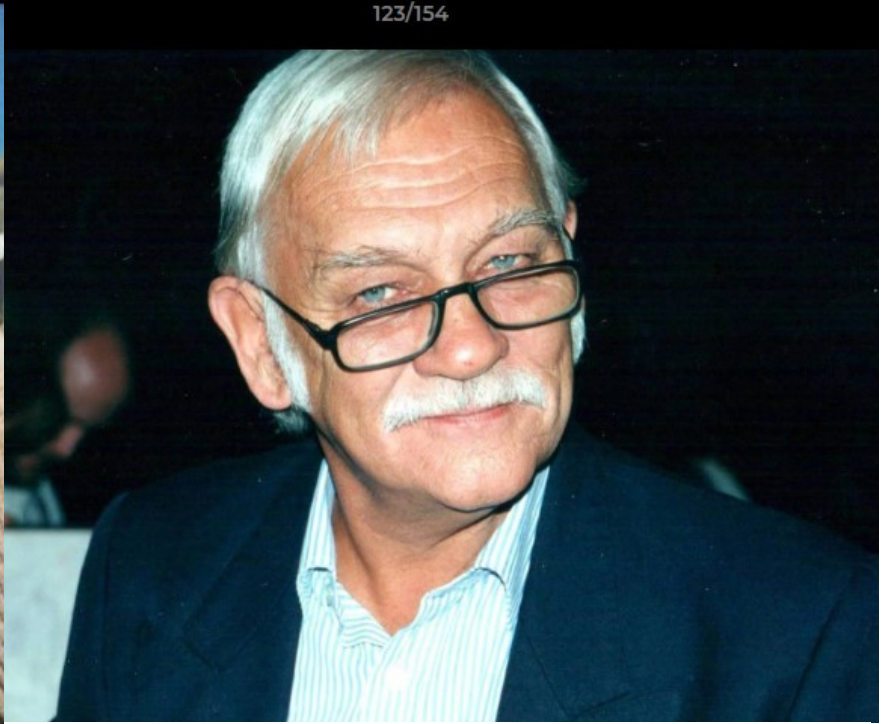
Some of you may have seen this photo before. I promised to send it to Ryzard at the Chairman's lunch.

It looks like an 'A's Vs Alphas match. 'A's at the back: **Lipinski, Larkin, Pink, Bowers, Unknown, Higgins, me, Stokes, Hryniewicz, J McCarthy, Milligan**

The Alphas are harder for me. From the right: **Sheminiuk, Unknown, Gornaksh, Mastika** the rest I don't know. I got this from a set of photos that my nephew assembled for my 60th birthday. He put 1966 on it, but we look younger than 16. Come to think of it, that looks like Wandsworth Common.... **Charlie Efford**

Wilson Bowers writes [at last] The missing name from **As** is **Stefan Witowski** (never renowned for his footballing ability), who died a few years ago. For historical accuracy, I have to confess that this was the second string match. Our **superiors** were playing on the adjacent pitch and would probably have been **Aleppo** (in goal?), **Daly, Gavigan, Harris, McCarthy JJ, Macnamara, Mason, Morris, O'Leary, Rayer** (selected for enthusiasm, he said bitterly) and **Wood** (**Danny Doyle** might have been chosen rather than Peter Rayer; but I think that embarrassment was saved for the house match when he was chosen for Glastonbury in preference to **Paul Zazzi** (aye, laddy!). **Gerry, Paul, and Mick** would have been in the Alpha side and they will be able to re-

7. Clapham Old Xaverians "Legends" of the sixties....



John April, 2000

Colin Luke

Dear Alec,

Thanks to David Leatham's introduction I have been attending the last 2 Oval lunches. Most enjoyable. Like David, I work in the reinsurance business in the city and my overseas travels take me to the Cayman Islands. I've met Colin Luke on a few occasions there as he now acts as a consultant to a Company where my firm have a business relationship.

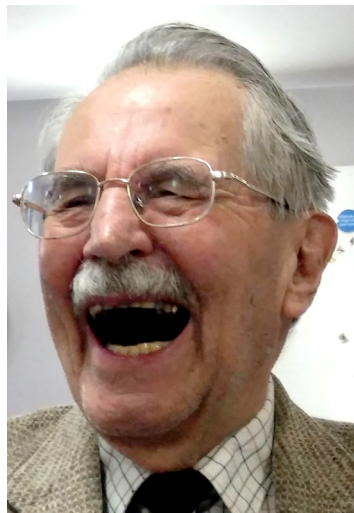
Colin remembers you and Tony very well and asked me to pass on to you the enclosed photo album. Perhaps one or two of these photos would be suitable for the next newsletter?.

Hopefully, I'll see you at next years lunch.

Best Regards

Paul McCarthy
(1961 to 1966)

If you did join the Old Boys in the 1960s, you'd have been rubbing shoulders with these COXA "legends" -they made you realise how fortunate you were to join this "exclusive" Club.



8. The 1966 College Fete in the Paddock

While "others" were winning the World Cup, the College was embroiled in more important fund-raising events. Those thousands of raffle tickets shared with a dozen other schools, to win £500 or a Ford Anglia. There is a Brother in the top photo...and is that Derek Rowe in the bottom picture?...and the PADDOCK. Wasn't it great, before they build that huge College over it...!!



9. 1966 Fete...continued

More photos of the Fete Stalls at the 1966 Summer Fayre



10. The Play - Clapham College "stars" .. It really can only be properly read online

The School Play[s] Julius Caesar, Henry IV and Hamlet - I can see **Wilson Bowers** had a starring role [he always had an ambition to be a "lovely" ...never quite made it - not even in the Civil service Theatre Group], but not for the want of trying. He was eventually left to display his histrionics on the Football fields, Tennis courts and the odd round of American Pie in the Norbury Clubhouse. Apparently **Richard Lipinski** and **Charles Logan** starred too.

THE PLAY

JULIUS CAESAR
HENRY IV
HAMLET

THIS YEAR, unlike previous years, the school presented extracts from three plays, whereas normally one complete play would have been performed. There were doubts in many people's minds at first, including my own, as to whether this enterprise would turn out to be successful or not. But all such doubts were soon expelled on the opening night.

The extracts chosen were from three of Shakespeare's more famous plays—they were Julius Caesar, Henry IV and Hamlet.

Performing extracts such as these must have presented the cast with many problems. Julius Caesar being a history, Henry IV a comedy, and Hamlet a tragedy, they required great flexibility of activity from the cast, who had to adapt themselves to the different atmospheres and situations of each play. Alex Myers showed that this could be done quite successfully when he had to characterize no less than six different people in the three extracts.

Another difficulty which is found in all of Shakespeare's plays is the speaking of poetry. It is difficult for a member of the audience to understand Shakespeare if he is not a regular theatre-goer or reader of Shakespeare: but the cast spoke so effectively and meaningfully, that it is difficult to imagine that anyone could fail to comprehend what was being said.

Magnificent Success

The acting by the whole cast was splendid and resulted in the extracts being a magnificent success. Most notable and memorable of the actors were those that took the lead roles in each play. **Wilson Bowers** splendidly portrayed Antony in Julius Caesar, as a loyal Roman soldier grievously wounded by the death of

Caesar (Charles Logan) and as a great orator who later aroused the Roman mob to such a height that they cried out for the blood of the conspirators. Equally competent were Riley and Lipinski as Prince Henry (Henry IV) and Jack Falstaff respectively in the extract from Henry IV. Richard Lipinski completely captured the attention of the audience with his wit and humour and easily made this extract the most enjoyable. The last and final extract from Hamlet was the most difficult to perform as it required a very high degree of acting to master the lead roles of Hamlet and Claudius. But as a result of much hard work and strenuous rehearsals, Gregory Byrne as Hamlet and Peter White as Claudius, King of Denmark, both succeeded in making this extract an instant success. Hamlet, convinced that his father was murdered by his uncle Claudius, and later tormented by having himself killed Polonius and Claudius, scourged by having killed his brothers, are indeed memorable. Two actors, with minor roles, whom the audience found impressive were Brendan Milligan as Francis (Henry IV) and later Polonius (Hamlet) and Edward Urbanski as Mrs. Quickly (Henry IV) and Ophelia (Hamlet). However it was not just the efforts of the above named which contributed to making the evening a success, but of all the cast.

Much of the credit for the play must go to Mr. Pocock who put much time, work and effort into directing and producing this play. Mr. Ritchens and Mr. Kidd together with his lower sixth chemistry group must also be thanked for the simple, yet extremely effective, set and scenery. R. Kessling and A. Tworkowski adequately managed the tape recording and sound effects.

E. Madden, LVI

11. The Leading Men [as boys]



Wilson Bowers in
"Julius Caesar"



Gregory Byrne in
"Hamlet"



Richard Lipinski in
"Henry IV"



Wilson Bowers in
"Henry IV"



The school play - was thriving in the 60s, having that small intimate gym area made it ideal for Shakespeare and Dicken's plays. The cold damp and windy rooms were great in settling the scene. No silly facilities such as central heating, everyone watched the plays in their overcoats. **Smith, Gibbs and Pocock** were the mainstays behind the productions Clapham was indeed fortunate.

12. Another play - little later in the 60s [in full colour Wilson] - again no idea of the names. Surely somebody can help!?



T H E S C H O O L D A N C E A dance was held on Friday, December 2nd 1965 in the Gym and two of the ground floor classrooms, and all present agreed that it was a great success. Two other 'Record Hops' had previously been held but this time we were proud to present, in addition to records, the "Goldsmith's Art School Jazz Band." The services of the band were acquired via **Ian McCann**, an old boy of the school, who plays **Banjo** for them.

The band, alternating with the records, played with such energy and zest that even those who could not appreciate their traditional style, could not quibble about the volume of sound.

The Dance was extremely well attended, over two hundred and fifty people being there. A dance of this nature is usually a re-union of old boys and this one proved to be no exception; indeed, it was surprising to see how many old boys heard about it and turned up. We hope to see many more at our next dance which will probably be towards the end of the Easter Term.

Part of the proceeds was donated towards the cost of **Brother Xavier's** pilgrimage to Lourdes and the rest went to the School Magazine Fund. I would like to finish by thanking **Brother Peter** for allowing the dance to be held; Mr. Pocock for keeping a watchful eye on things, my fellow prefects who helped in the organisation and everybody who helped.

13. Jim Sweeney - comedian.

Michael James Dominic Sweeney (born 7 February 1955; Bournemouth, England) is an English actor and comedian, best known for his improvisation partnership with Steve Steen. When Sweeney was 11 years old, he moved to London with his parents, along with two brothers and a sister. He became interested in theatre and improvisation while attending Clapham College, an all-boys Roman Catholic school.

Sweeney spent the 1970s in theatre productions, creating and touring shows with Steen, who was a friend from school. The pairing's first television work as a duo came on the ITV children's show *CBTV*, followed by a Channel 4 comedy *Little Armadillos* and resident support comic slots on Rory Bremner's sketch show on the BBC.

In 1987, Sweeney played Samuel Taylor Coleridge in an episode of *Blackadder the Third*, with Steve Steen alongside him as Lord Byron. He also starred as "The Head" in the first season of *Art Attack* in 1990. He then appeared in commercials and radio comedies before acquiring a semi-regular slot as a contestant on the Channel 4 improvisation show *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* from 1991 to 1993. Comedy partner Steen would later join him frequently in these appearances.

Sweeney has been in a number of radio plays and sitcoms, including a lead role in *Any Bloke* alongside Caroline Quentin and Steve Steen. He adapted his award-winning play *Danny's Wake* into a radio series *All The Young Dudes* in which he (and Steen) co-starred. Sweeney has authored a number of plays in addition to *Danny's Wake*, namely *Sick Transit*, *Cabin Fever*, and *My MS and Me*.

Sweeney has been involved with the Comedy Store's Comedy Store Players team since 1992, performing with Paul Merton, Josie Lawrence, Neil Mullarkey, Lee Simpson, Andy Smart and Richard Branch. He has also appeared in numerous radio series, including the improvised faux drama show, *The Masterson Inheritance* and BBC Radio 4's *Just a Minute*. He made guest appearances in sitcoms *Kiss Me Kate* and *One Foot In The Grave* (the latter as a computer salesman memorably humiliated by Victor Meldrew).

Since 1985, Sweeney has multiple sclerosis, something which has required use of a walking stick and, from 2005, a wheelchair. Sweeney wrote about his experiences of multiple sclerosis in *My MS and Me*, a play he performed for BBC Radio 4 after a successful Edinburgh Festival run. In 2008, the disease meant he gave up appearing on stage, although he continues to be listed as a member of the Comedy Store Players. In 2007, Jim made two series of BBC Radio 4's improvised sketch show "The Lawrence Sweeney Mix" with Josie Lawrence. Sweeney lives in Wimbledon with his girlfriend and two daughters and now has 24-hour care.

Jim was at Clapham College from 1966 to 1971, he was in the Alpha Group and was in Glastonbury House. He was one of the many hundreds of Clapham boys who went with **Cecil Pocock and Brian Sanders** to Paris.

14. Jim Sweeney & Steve Sheen pioneering giants of British improvised Comedy



Steve Sheen is married to [Pauline Quirke, MBE] has two children, Emily and Charlie (who stars as Travis in “*Birds of a Feather*”). Steve was the executive producer of “*Birds of a Feather*”.

John Dowie hails Steve Steen and Jim Sweeney

One question that is rarely asked, in terms of comedy history, is, who first introduced improvisation to the British comedy stage? Let me now nominate Jim Sweeney and Steve Steen. Jim and Steve began in the 1970s. Calling themselves The Wee Wees, they devised and toured improvised comedy shows, playing much the same venues as I did. In 1981 they had presented a children’s TV programme, CBTV, which I hated. Up in Edinburgh that year, I was told to go and watch the Omelette Broadcasting Company. I did, not knowing that the show featured Jim and Steve (as well as fellow improvisers Peter Wear and Justin Case). As soon as I saw them, I thought: ‘Oh no. It’s those twats off the telly.’ Seconds later I was thinking: ‘Those twats off the telly are BRILLIANT.’ After that, I saw Jim and Steve many times. A few years later I had the privilege of working with them.



Steve & Jim were in the same year at Clapham. Went on to be friends, working together successfully in comedy.

Audience members scribbled suggestions on pieces of paper; the pieces of paper were placed in a hat; the hat was placed on the floor, and that was that. No suggestion was rejected (despite the incalculable numbers of requests for ‘Mrs Thatcher’s bedroom’). Comedians flocked to take part, as did more respectable actors. I did a few shows and, despite having 15 years of performance under my belt, was more terrified than I have ever been in my entire life. And also reduced to hysterical laughter. One suggestion was ‘a man has lost his voice’. I went on stage. Steve Steen followed. I did a lot of arm waving, gesticulating and pointing at my mouth. After about five minutes of this Steve Steen said, ‘What is it, Lassie? Do you want me to follow you?’ There would, almost always, be a moment during every show in which Jim and Steve would be on stage alone together, at which point the other performers would gather in the wings to watch. Many of those performers, like me, would never have performed improvised comedy before. Many would go on to earn a living at it. **John Dowie**

15. Paul Griseri - genius of the "A" group in 1963



I went to a Grammar School in 1964 [the first thing I

had to do on arrival was to make sure I always spelt it Grammar [not Grammar] School, South London does that to you!]. In the "A" group, together with **Bogdanowicz, Boyd, Bransfield, Browne, Bryder, Clarke, Connerton, Cook, Dolan, Fitzgerald, Fitzsimmons, Frasca, French, Gibbons, Grace, Gregory, Griseri...**which is where I'll stop the 1A register Paul Griseri was bright not "bright, brighter..just school-wise, she knew about "stuff" he was a reader and thinker, even at a young age. No surprise then that he ended up as an academic at Middlesex, University of London as the Head of Business and Management Department. **Paul Griseri** has worked in management and business education for over twenty five years, and has taught philosophically related subjects to business students at all levels - from pre-undergraduate through to doctoral levels. He has a PhD in Philosophy from the University of Kent, and Postgraduate Diplomas in Management and Human Resource Management. Paul has published several books applying philosophical ideas in business contexts, and is currently the Managing Editor of the journal Philosophy of Management. His interest in jazz finds him in retirement playing with a jazz band in Belgium....what else and where else... [you'd have guessed that of Paul at a young age..and whatever became of **Ross Westcott**, his sidekick and intellectual companion at Clapham?].

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Maurice Bransfield RIP 2007

Then there was **Maurice Bransfield**, a quiet, unassuming lad, who went on to found and run "Moonfleet", trading in rare / obscure EPs or LPs from the USA [the odd "book leg"]. It became a legendary centre for the 1970s "hippy" music buff, unfortunately Maurice died very young and the shop fell into disrepair.PTO



16. Moonfleet Records "write-up" in Press

Moonfleet Records -- during the 1980s, on the corner of the High Street and Clapham Park Road). We lived off Abbeville Road and that area certainly began to change in the 1980s. I remember when the first wine bar on Abbeville Road opened (was that 'Flumb's'? -- perhaps it originally had a different name). And it was a matter of local note that Roddy Llewellyn had moved in, I think into a house on Abbeville Road itself.

EDIT: Moonfleet Records was actually established by Maurice Bransfield, he died in 2007. I've lived in Clapham, South London since 1968, and sometime in the 1970s a record shop opened on the high street called Moonfleet, run by a soft-spoken guy called Maurice. If I'm remembering it correctly, the first location was on The Pavement, where there's now a fast photo shop. Later on, Maurice moved across the road to a much bigger shop which is now the So.uk Bar. For quite a while, his assistant was Pete Flanagan, until Pete moved into his own second hand shop on Clapham Park Road, from which he launched the Zippo label. A silver-haired live wire called Sandy ran her card/gift shop in the back section of Moonfleet.

I've always considered good record shops to be like academies of learning, with the people behind the counter as my teachers. I shudder to think how many hours Maurice and I spent nattering about music from our respective perspectives. I vividly recall one moment in 1994 when he played a record that unlike anything I'd heard before.

Terry said: Hi, I remember Moonfleet Records, (Clapham Pavement)

well. I worked there for a while, approximately March '78 - May '79. I used to travel over there every day from Notting Hill. Trouble is, being a vinyl junkie, it was like putting an alcoholic in charge of a pub - I'd spend half my wages on records - well at dealer price, it was impossible to resist. It had been a bit of a C&W/Irish store until Maurice took it over. Our only competition was **Woolworths** on the High Street and their record counter had shrunk dramatically from a staffed counter to a small self-service rack by the time we'd been operating for a few months. I remember **Saturday Night Fever** was also a huge seller. As a pro muso for most of my life before and after that period, what I found shocking was that if there was an ad on TV on Friday night for anybody's 20 Golden Greats, you had to be love sure you had box full of the stuff by first thing Saturday morning, when alarming numbers of the general public turned up like automatons to buy them. Maurice was indeed a lovely guy, sad to hear he's gone. I Remember Sandy, she was nice too, also Tiny the shop dog. I've found a pic I took back then. Sadly it doesn't show the Moonfleet.

NEWS

MCA raises dealer prices on albums

MCA became the last of the majors to raise its dealer prices last week. MCA commercial director John Pearson says the increase, which took effect on September 5, represents an overall rise of around 3%. He points out that single and mid-price ranges remain unchanged.

Prices of standard formats rose from £5.25 to £5.35 for cassettes and £7.59 to £7.95 for CDs, while deluxe increases include cassettes from £5.49 to £5.65 and CDs from £8.14 to £8.19.

Meanwhile, the BMG increases announced earlier this month will be introduced on October 3.

BMG sales director Richard Story rejects criticism of the timing of the increases, pointing out that the company is responding to retail concerns over last November's increases. "We have brought forward the timing in response

The latest increases follow those announced over the summer by EMI, PolyGram, Sony and Warner.

Bob Purcell of Soundhouse in Leamington Spa says the new prices increase the pressure on retailers, as dealer prices move ever closer to the multiples' cut-price rates.

Maurice Bransfield, of Moonfleet

bigger chains has led to multiples such as WH Smith selling the new Prince and Neil Young albums at £9.99, which is really close to the dealer price we have to pay."

Essex-based indie retailer Adrian Rondeau says, "Retailers will have to absorb these if they want to fight the aggressive pricing policies of the multi-

DEALER RATES MOVE CLOSER TO MULTIPLES' PRICES

	mid price MC/CD	full-price MC/CD	deluxe MC/CD
BMG*	£3.45/£5.39	£5.50/£8.05	£5.50/£8.30
EMI	£3.60/£5.49	£5.40/£8.05	£5.54/£8.36
MCA	£3.07/£5.25	£5.35/£7.95	£5.65/£8.29
PolyGram	£3.19/£5.35	£5.35/£7.95	£5.65/£8.39
Sony	£3.39/£5.55	£5.75/£8.15	n/a
Virgin	£3.40/£5.40	£5.40/£7.99	£5.69/£8.29
Warner	£3.39/£5.40	£5.55/£7.99	£6.10/£8.29

*effective October 3, 1994.

17. Clapham College boys 1968 and 1971 Camping and A-Level Trip to Wales



Ross Westcott, Scotty and Brian Bryder camping Salisbury



Pat[Pancho]Pearson:Scotty: Kevin[Charlie]Bond:Tim[don't let them shoot]Kelly

18. Tadius Dippel - the Polish Rugby player "lost" in a football school - eventually came good!



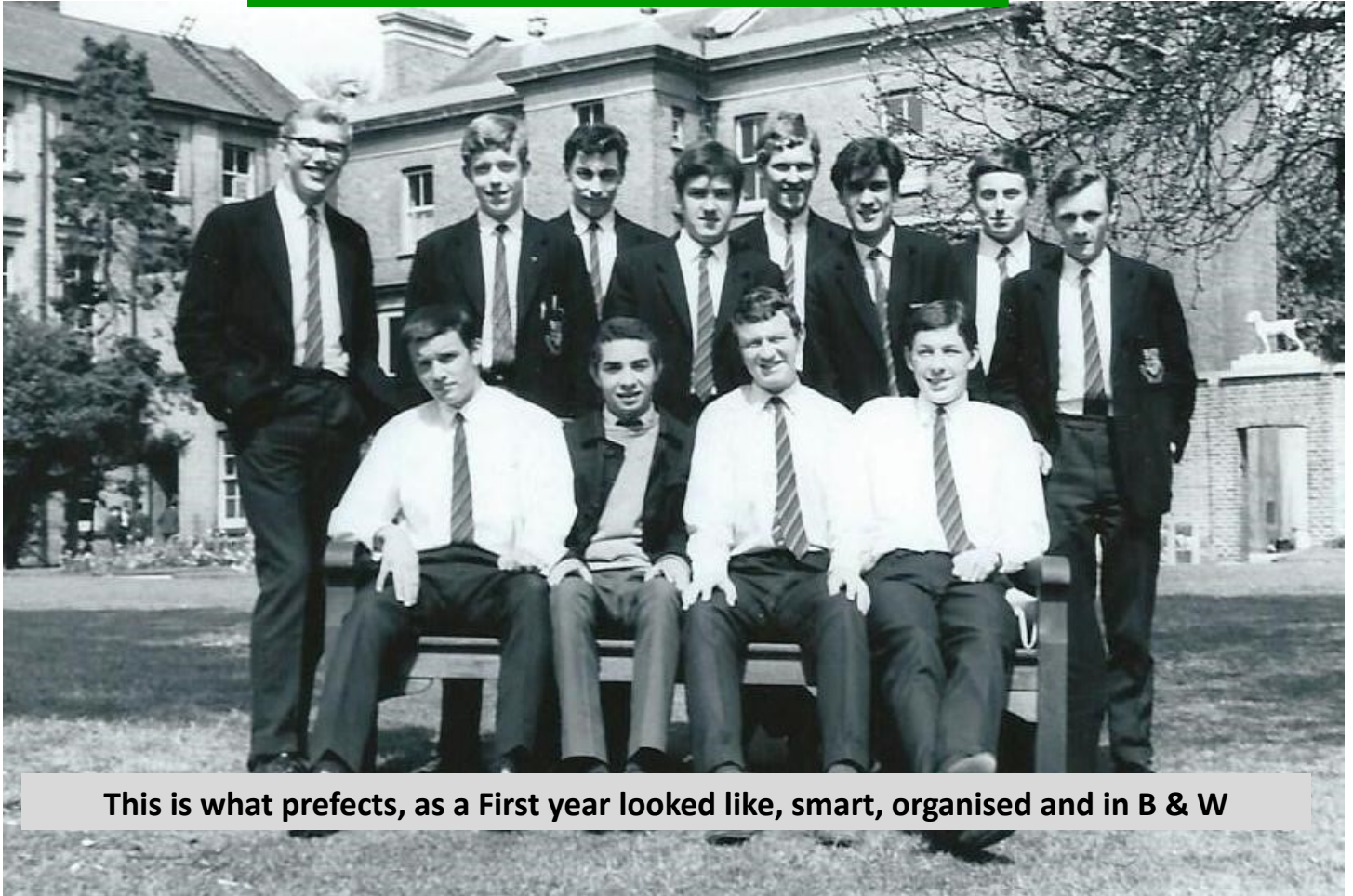
Tad Dippel
TAD DIPPTEL PHOTOGRAPHY

Tad Dippel is a member was at Clapham College in the mid-sixties, one of the five, or six, Catholic Polish boys in each year. The good thing about Tad, was that his name was easy to spell, for that I was also was pleased to come across **Ojak and Wloch**, but the rest..spelling and pronunciation were never kind to me. But **Tad Dippel** was OK with me. He finally got his dream of Rugby at the College when Bob James arrived as Head of PE and at last his frustrations could be released. I also remember wandering around the College and the Nightingale Lane area with a camera [a proper one, not like my "Brownie" or Instamatic"]. And there you are half a century later "Tad Dippel" professional photographer. Specialising in shots of aircraft, a Member of The Society of International School and Event Photographers...looking good, and enjoying his life



Proud (left to right) - Derek Rusling, Angi Driver, artist designer and creator of the memorial window, Richard Kornick, Joe Pietrzak, Sharon and Tad Dippel, Shay Flavin, Marta Flavin, Clive Denney, Spitfire Pilot.

19.. Prefects - don't you just love 'em?



This is what prefects, as a First year looked like, smart, organised and in B & W

From "that" to "this" - how prefects changed over the decade



By the end of the sixties, my lot looked like this; on a trip with Cecil and Eric to the USA

19a] John Boyd writes on Cecil's USA School Trip 1967

In 1967 Cecil Pocock went on an Exchange year out with a school in Greendale a suburb of Milwaukee, (the beer capital at the time), USA. The following year he after he had returned to Clapham he was invited back as guest of some of the parents and staff at the school at which he had taught. Needless to say Cecil had been a tremendous success and planned a trip with some differences for the following year. The differences were to be several boys at Clapham who were prepared to raise the princely sum of £150. This sounds measly but at the time it took me over a year at £1 per week to raise 50% to add to my parents' contribution. The exchange rate at the time was \$2.40 to £1.00. Easy calculation for the trip 1 cent = 1 penny. Not bad. The Prime Minister was Darlin' Harold (Harold Wilson for the younger readers), and there was a currency restriction that meant you could only leave the country with £50. Not good.

The trip was for three weeks. The itinerary was:

Fly to New York. Spend a few days sightseeing, staying at the Xaverian College, Brooklyn.

Train to Washington. Sightseeing, staying at a Xaverian College in the city.

Lift to Maryland near Chesapeake Bay at a Xaverian college. (US called it private we would say public). This was to rest up after all the travelling. Not too shabby.

Car drive to Greendale. There were 7 of us and two parents. It wasn't a Mini, but it did have a trailer for all the luggage. 6 days meeting Cecil's old friends and colleagues.

Lift to Chicago where we tried an overnight Greyhound to New York.

Flight to London.

The members of this wholly memorable trip were: Staff. **Cecil Pocock. Eric Tope.**

Boys **Alex Fitzgerald, Ernie Larkin, Brian Bryder, Michael Grice, John Boyd.**

Only memory of the flight to New York was trying to see a night view of Manhattan whilst **Brian Bryder**, who had the window seat, was doing his best to fill a paper bag.

Arriving at the college, we were welcomed by a group of brothers dressed in jeans and T shirts who had just been to "Hair". Not quite the image of **Bros Peter and Ambrose.**

SAW the sights of New York and then onto Washington.

Again lots of youthful brothers. Once on a bus back to the uptown college from downtown we witnessed two men fighting at a bus stop. One was clubbing the other chap with a brick. Everyone else on the bus was totally uninterested whereas the low-profile BRITs were staring out the windows in amazement. This was 3.00 in the afternoon. Again we saw all the more conventional sights.

196] More from John Boyd on the 1967 Clapham College Trip to the USA

After all the buzz of sightseeing we were driven to another college in rural Maryland near Chesapeake Bay. After a few days of swimming in the pool and basking in the sun our next lift arrived. They were also putting us up in tents in their front garden. We set off early one morning on what was to be a journey of some 800 miles.

We met some of the kids at school that Cecil had taught. They were all worried about getting drafted to go to Vietnam. Here were we spotty-faced youths from London and they were going to war in the jungle on the other side of the world. One of our trips to Milwaukee was to the Pabst brewery. They had to barricade the doors to the guest bar as we were all under 18. The local newspaper featured us on the front page standing outside the entrance to the brewery. After a week of socialising at friends Cecil had made we were driven down to Chicago to catch a Greyhound bus to New York. Midway there we stopped at a services on the freeway. Entered via a large golden arch and were in a McDonalds. Little did we know.

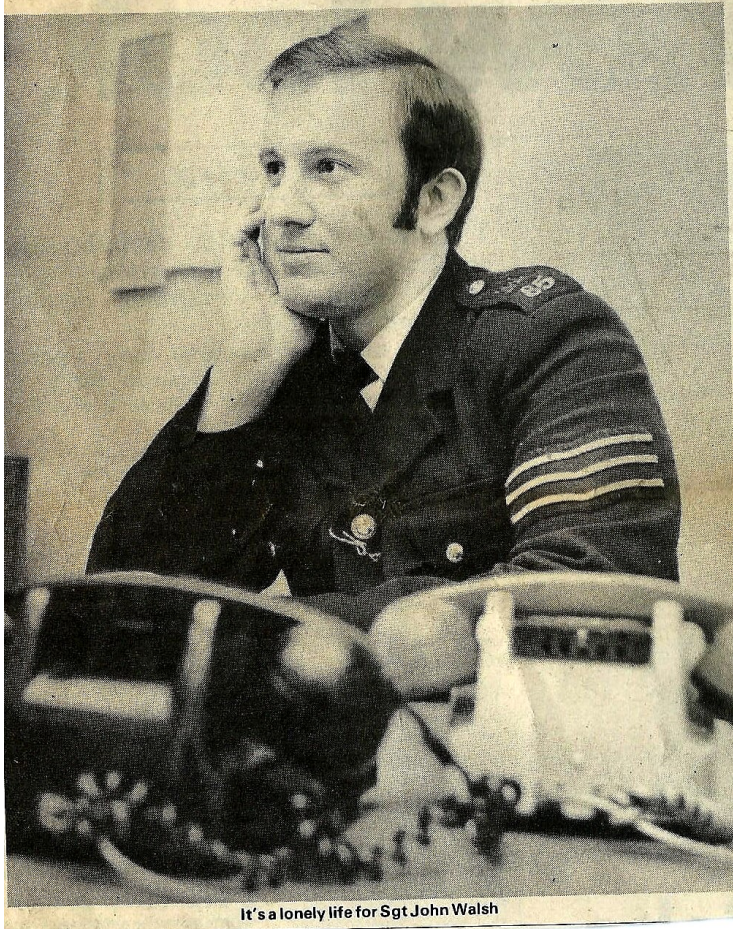
Eventually arrived at New York and caught the plane back to UK.

A fantastic trip, huge thanks to all the Xaverian colleges and parents and friends of Cecil in Greendale. **John Boyd**





'Ghost' station is a reality again



It's a lonely life for Sgt John Walsh

CAMBERWELL's ghost station is alive and well — despite what the locals may think.

The sleepy hollow state broken only by a few visits a day from the public goes back to 1970 when the station was closed, but left with a part-time police office.

In April last year the entire unit was shut down and this did nothing to dispel the feeling among local residents that the station that was, wasn't.

Opened again

The real reason behind the total closure plan was a simple one — refurbishing. And the unit opened again as a full-time police office in November.

Response from the public since then has been disappointing, says the newly-appointed Chief Superintendent John Allain, who although based at Carter Street, is responsible for the Church Street base.

He said: "It appears local residents have forgotten us. They do not realise we are open 24-hours-a-day. We hope the public will make a better use of the facilities available."

Ironically before the 1970 closure, the station was a busy one. It was closed down amid a great deal of local opposition. Gradually though the work load eased as people tended to forget about it altogether.

Called

In March last year a survey carried out showed that only 159 people called at the station in two weeks and it was for that reason the decision to close for refurbishing was made.

Also housed in the building is the Juvenile Bureau, the Divisional Community Liaison

Here is John Walsh, another "Child of the Sixties". He left Clapham, joined the Police Force and made the news [for all the right reasons.

21. School Trips and Camping can only mean one thing - Cecil Pocock



Scotty,

The photo on page 23 captures the spirit of the 1963 camping trip to Ullswater. We camped on a farm, water from the stream, dug a latrine, and just look at the number of guy ropes on the tent. The men in the photo are

Front L to R

Len Staines, John Gilhooly, Johnny Utting, Bill Kidd teacher, Andy Davis, Bill Haley, Laurie Snaith, Alan Faulkner, Kevin Gregory,

Middle Row L to R Terry Sullivan, Chris Smith

At back Cecil Pocock.

The names were put together by Chris Smith, Peter Fry and me.

Chris and I both remember walking back in a group from the pub in a moonless black night, stopping on a hill top to sing, led by Laurie Snaith. Both Chris and I remember seeing our first falling stars, something we had never seen in Hoxton. I hadn't had a sheltered life by any means but the songs that Laurie knew, amongst them an account of what happened on the Top of Old Smokey, was a revelation. Bill Kidd lead us up to climb Striding Edge. I caught a trout with a worm. The experience was full of camaraderie. A joy that this photo lights up again.

Where did the photo come from?

Bill Haley

22. A great headline about a great cause ...we never had a Dining Hall at Clapham and the one mile walk / run to Cavendish Infants would have been seen as intolerable today. But as a young boy, new to the College, I thought it was wonderful, a great adventure each lunchtime.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY

Education chief is quizzed on

TWO-MILE WALK

College's protest to County Council

EVERY school day for the last 12 years between 150 and 200 boys from Clapham College have had to walk two miles for their mid-day meal. This point was spotlighted during question time at London County Council this week.

Since the school's canteen was closed 12 years ago to make more space for teaching facilities the boys have had to go to a school in Cavendish Road, which is about a mile away from their buildings in Nightingale Lane.

Because there is no public transport link they have no alternative but to walk. The journey takes most boys about 20 minutes each way.

There is plenty of room to build a new canteen at the college and in 1959-60 the L.C.C. put the project on their building programme.

When the scheme was cut it was deferred and still no progress has been made.

The chairman of the education committee (Mrs. Marjorie McIntosh) said this week: "Consequent reductions by the Minister of Education in the programme proposed by the council have meant a postponement in the work."

Last week the Governors of Clapham College — a Roman Catholic secondary school — wrote to every member of the committee putting forward their views

on this and other subjects.

They also pointed out that as long ago as 1949 a school inspector described the existing facilities as "seriously inadequate."

Again, no major work had been done on this problem.

The acting headmaster (the Rev. J. Hill) said: "It is the canteen facilities that are the most important."

'URGENT'

"The school in Cavendish Road could not be more inconveniently placed. There is no way of getting there and back by public transport. It is not too bad when the weather is fine but just imagine what it is like when the boys get caught in a squall of rain."

At the council meeting on Tuesday Mrs. McIntosh said she agreed that the points made by the governors were "urgent."

She would be writing to the governors on behalf of the council.

She added they were always prepared to meet representatives of the governors if they were asked to do so.

23. School Dinners in the 1960s

We all remember the smell of overcooked cabbage that haunted the halls and corridors of our schools in the 1960s. School dinners – loved or loathed, they have left us with many memories!

If you lived within walking distance of your school, and your mother or a neighbour was willing to make you lunch, you could go home rather than stay school dinners, returning in time for afternoon lessons.

Everyone else had school dinners. Dinner money was collected every Monday for the week, a shilling a day in the late 1950s rising to 1s 6d in the mid 1960s. Free school meals were available to those in need.



Cooked from scratch on the premises, these dinners were planned to give children a hot, nutritious meal in the middle of the day. In the 1960s many a child lived in poverty and a hot meal was often not possible. School milk had also been introduced to improve the poor diet of many children. Children sat at tables, usually in the school hall that doubled as the gym. Often there was an adult on each table who would coach the children in table manners, 'please pass the salt' etc. as well as encouraging them to eat the less delicious but still nutritious dishes on the menu. If no adult, then often a prefect or older child would be 'head of table'.

24. This is what we missed at Clapham College ...food glorious food



Following rationing, this was plain cooking. Weekly staples would include minced beef and carrots in gravy with mashed potatoes, for example, or hotpot. Friday lunch was always fish, often a piece of white fish in parsley sauce or fish and chips, and in the 1960s, maybe fish fingers. Steak and kidney pie, liver and onions, corned beef and toad in the hole also appeared frequently on the menu and were accompanied by tinned peas or seasonal vegetables, more often than not cabbage that had been boiled into a soggy mush. In the summer there might be ham salad, consisting of a slice of ham, round lettuce, cucumber and half a tomato, served with boiled potatoes. You were expected to eat everything on the plate, even if that meant the dinner lady, or teacher, keeping you behind until you had finished the now cold, congealed plate of food in front of you. Many have been permanently scarred by the experience! It was best to screw your face up, chew quickly, swallow hard and flush down with a glass of water.

Puddings were the saving grace of school dinners. Sponge puddings were served with hot custard, usually yellow in colour but not always; sometimes there was green custard or pink. The school dinner ladies must have made gallons of custard; if not homemade (and invariably lumpy) it was made from Bird's custard powder mixed with milk. Suet puddings such as spotted dick and jam roly poly were tasty and filling, perfect for those who had struggled through a less than appetising first course. Prunes and custard kept the children 'regular': it was fun to count the prune stones with the rhyme, "Tinker, tailor, soldier, sailor...". Apple crumble and apple pie were always popular. And then there were the milk puddings: blancmange or rice pudding, tapioca or sago ("frogspawn"), usually served with a spoonful of jam.



Yum. Yum
eat the jam
separately, or
whisk it round
and round to
a pink sludge!

25. Running for our dinners

For around the 50% of children who stayed school dinners in the 1950s, it was the main meal of the day. Whether you remember them fondly or not, nutritionally these were balanced meals: a main course of protein, vegetables and carbohydrates, with puddings either made with milk or served with milky custard. Prepared from fresh each day, there were no artificial additives.

Whilst the plainly cooked main courses may have filled many with dread, the vast majority remember the puddings with great affection. Chocolate sponge pudding with chocolate custard, for example – nectar of the gods...



I don't know where it started was it in the 1960s, or earlier, but the "RUN" to Cavendish Road Infants was not a route to food, it was a hotly-contested competition. Six to eight minutes would get the "leaders" to the front of the Dinner Q...Nightingale Lane, Balham Hill, left down Yukon Rd, to Cavendish Rd, then a good 800 yards down to Henry

Cavendish, passing La Re traite Girls' School and crossing Weir Road on the way. The school still sits there today in Hydethorpe Rd, no different to what it looked like sixty years ago.



26. Cavendish Road SW12 and La Retraite, the place of dreams [for some!]



La Retraite was founded in 1880, in Clapham Park, by Les Dames de La Retraite. They were sisters who travelled from France with the aim of establishing a girls' school in South London. The School soon gained an excellent reputation. The sisters first bought Oakfield House, owned by the family of the Victorian portrait painter, De Lazlo. This forms the heart of the convent next door to our school. By 1897, they had bought The Oaks which was pulled down in 1935 to make way for the school chapel and dining hall. In 1904, a third house called Springfield House was bought from the family of the famous music hall artist, Dan Leno, who was known as "the funniest man in the world and champion clog dancer".

CLAPHAM COLLEGE - SCHOOLS PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE
Education Committee - SCHOOLS PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE
Joint report (23.11.65) by the Education Officer, Education
Architect and the Chief Officer of the Catering Department

1. There is no kitchen or dining hall at Clapham College (8B) (Wandsworth), a voluntary aided school, and the pupils have to walk to Henry Cavendish primary school for their midday meal, a distance of approximately two-thirds of a mile in each direction.
2. A proposal by the Governors to build a kitchen for 275 meals and a dining hall as the first stage of rebuilding the school was included by the then Ministry of Education in the major school meals programme for 1959-60. Preliminary plans and estimates were approved by the Schools Planning Sub-Committee of the London County Council on 27 October 1960 (Ed. 310).
3. Town Planning difficulties over the Governors' proposals for later stages of redevelopment which involved demolition of No. 7 Nightingale Lane held up progress on the meals scheme and by the time the Governors were ready to invite tenders (October 1961) Government financial restrictions had been imposed and the work had to be deferred. There were no further major meals programmes and the project has since had to compete for a place in the very much reduced minor improvement programmes where it has so far failed to gain a place.
4. A special appeal was made to the Minister of Education in February of 1964 to agree to the cost of the work being met from his central allocation for voluntary schools and a reply dated 18 March 1964 was received in the following terms:-

'I am directed by the Minister of Education to say that he is most concerned to see that dining conditions at Clapham College have not been improved despite proposals to do so since 1959-60. He is unable to agree to meeting the cost of the provision of a kitchen and dining hall at this school from the Ministry's central allocation, for the reasons given in paragraph 4.2 of the Building Code, which states that only projects for which the managers or governors are wholly or mainly responsible will be eligible to count against central allocations, and considers that this project commands sufficient priority to be included in the Authority's 1964-5 Minor Works Programme.

The Authority are therefore strongly urged to improve the meal facilities at this school as soon as possible.'

5. The Schools Planning Sub-Committee of the London County Council on 17 February 1965 (Ed. 978) and the I.L.S.A. Education Committee on 15 March 1965 approved the inclusion in the 1965-6 minor improvements programme of a proposal to provide a kitchen and dual purpose hall at Clapham College.

6. The Governors' architects have prepared a scheme which provides for the erection of a kitchen for 275 meals and dual purpose hall in which dining could take place.

The proposals are illustrated on Drawings Nos. 101 and 102.

To this should be added the sums of £1,190 for kitchen equipment and £95 for equipment supplied by the Government making a total of £8,214, the whole of which is recoverable from the Ministry of Education.

27. Our [Grammar] School days in the 1960s

In the 1960s there were no state pre-schools or nurseries, so for most children just turning 5 years old, their first day at school was the first time they had been on their own, away from home. Most mothers did not work outside the home, so for many children this was also the first time they had been apart from their mothers. Consequently the first day of school was a very tearful event for both child and parent!

Having got over the first pangs of separation, school life soon fell into a predictable routine. School milk was part of this routine, uniformly detested by all children. In Post War Britain school milk, a third of a pint per child, was introduced in schools to supplement the child's diet. In 1971 school milk for the over-sevens was withdrawn by Margaret Thatcher, then Secretary of State for Education – for this she was dubbed 'Thatcher, Thatcher, Milk Snatcher' in the press. During the harsh winter of 1962-3, or the big freeze of 1963 as it became known, it was a common sight to see the small crates of milk outside the school gates with the shiny bottle tops standing proud above the bottles on a column of frozen milk. Of course the only way to defrost the school milk was to place it by the radiator, and then the poor children were forced to consume watery, lukewarm milk. And forced they were – "milk is good for you child, you WILL drink it all up!"

Visits from the school nurse would break up the daily routine. The nit nurse used to make regular visits to check for headlice and all the children in each class would line up to be examined in turn, their hair being combed carefully with a nit comb to see if there was any infestation. There were also routine eye and hearing tests, and visits to the frightening school dentist.

There was also the polio vaccine, given at school to every child on a sugar lump. Measles, German Measles and Mumps were not vaccinated against; most children contracted these diseases in childhood. German Measles, or Rubella, can affect unborn babies in the womb if contracted in pregnancy, and so if a girl in the class caught German Measles, it was not uncommon for her mother to throw a tea party for the rest of the girls so they could also catch the disease.

Class sizes in the early 1960s were large, often over 30 children to a class, as these were the 'baby boomers', children born after the Second World War. There were no classroom assistants, just the class teacher and so discipline was strict. It was quite common for a disruptive child to be rapped over the Of course this was also the age of the 11-plus, a series of tests and exams that the children in the top (oldest) class at junior school would take before moving on to secondary school. Pupils would practice previous papers in school in order to prepare for these tests, which included writing an essay, a maths paper and both verbal and non-verbal reasoning papers. The verbal reasoning would test a child's command and use of English, whereas the non-verbal reasoning paper was designed to test a child's IQ with a puzzles and problem-solving questions.

Always – and still so today – a contentious method of school selection, the 11 plus system did facilitate social mobility, as places at the grammar schools in the 1960s were allocated according to the results of these tests, and not on ability to pay. Prime Ministers such as Harold Wilson, Edward Heath, James Callaghan, Margaret Thatcher and John Major all went through the state grammar school system

28. Brother Dunstan writes on the College in this 1961 Concordia

1961 Brother Dunstan has written two delightful historical cameos on the early days of College, when boarders walked out on Sundays in Eton suits and top hats. and when the lighting in the College consisted of "four fishtail or batwing burners in each classroom protruding from the walls" Brother Dunstan continues the saga of the early history of the school and brings us up to the First World War. He describes in detail. the. opening of the electric tramway which ran along Balham Hill: It is enjoyable reading; For those given to a certain nostalgia for the carefree days of their youth, there is much to amuse in the Form Reports written by the boys themselves. Master Armstrong of 3A writes, with something akin to pride, of the day they managed to "cram" nine boys onto one wastepaper basket, which feat was quickly followed by the even more startling success of getting 181 boys into one school lavatory; undoubtedly, a matter of convenience. The report on Athletics is revealing. How many Old Xaverians knew that the College supplied two representatives for 'the English Catholic Grammar Schools' Team which took part in the European Catholic Sports held in Spain? Moreover, these two Clapham boys between them gained two silver medals and one bronze medal in these sports. **Michael Turvey** was second in the triple jump and **Michael Gowan** was second in the 3,000 metres and third in the 1,500 metres. **MICHAEL TURVEY** left the College this summer and added to his athletic successes this season by becoming the Surrey Triple Jump champion. He has now followed this up, by winning the event for the Great Britain "B" Team in the recent international match with Switzerland.

Mr. Johnson who taught chemistry also left and his place was finally taken by an Old Boy, **Mr. Kidd**, who had left Clapham but a few years before. More recently the school had the news that **Brother Xavier**, who taught Latin and French, had had to retire from active teaching and all were sorry to hear this, Brother Xavier's place was taken by **Brother Cajetan**. This year looks like being a record for the spreading of Clapham boys around the Continent. For the first time for some time there will be two foreign trips—one at Easter, to Paris, with a record number of about forty-five, and one, a camping tour, in July to France and Germany by Minibus, restricted to the Sixth Form. Sometime this term, reputable sources have it, the tuck shop will once again open; in fact, it may be open as you read this. Those boys in the Third Form and above will remember the last tuck shop session when drinks and snacks were on sale at break and dinnertime, and it is hoped to do the same thing this term under the able managership of **Al Morrish**. We hope your friends had their mantelpieces suitably decorated by the Clapham College Christmas card over the holidays, some people were unlucky in trying to buy the cards and leaving it too late, thus finding all the cards sold. In fact, the cards, 1,500 in all, disappeared within two weeks of being on sale and tribute to **Mr. Rathborn**, who had the job of managing the

29. 1965 Concordia - THE FOOTBALL REPORT

At the end of my report for "Concordia" last year I wrote about the 1964-65 season which was just commencing and said "I hope that with the expected support from all players, whether they are established ones or new Old Boys, we may have another. Very enjoyable and successful season". Well, I am sure we all enjoyed it, but I am delighted to say that the success we achieved in the process surpassed all our expectations. **For the second year running both the 1st XI and the 2nd XI have won promotion, and the 3rd XI, entered in the Old Boys' League for the first time, won their division by 7 points and are also promoted.**

The **1st XI also won their Division (One South) in fine style.** Last year they won Division Two with 8 points to spare over their nearest rivals, having been beaten only once and having scored over a hundred goals. This time the margin was 10 points over the same runners-up, **Old Salesians Reserves**, and the team was unbeaten in scoring 108 goals.

Results: Played 20, won 19, drawn 1, lost 0, for 108, against 31, Pts. 39.

Goal scorers: **McGuire 24, Hixson 21, Smith 18, Amura 16, Carpenter 10, Brown 5, Snaith 3, Cooney 2, Leeder 2, Pepper 2, J. Murphy 1, Spivak 1**, o.g. 3. THE 1st TEAM, 1964-65, WINNERS OF DIVISION I (S). In similar circumstances to last year the 2nd XI were beaten into second place in Division Three (S.). At the end of a successful season they lost the last three matches and had to concede the title to Glyn O.B. Reserves. However, they are promoted because of the "two up and two down" rule which is usually applied by the league.

Results: Played 20, won 12, drawn 4, lost 4, for 77, against 45, Pts. 28.

Goal scorers: **Brown 13, M. Murphy 10, Pinsent 10, Cooney 9, Smith 8, Coletta 6, Cain 2, Dixon 2, P. Gray 2, McGuire 2, Whelan 2, Breslin 1, Fitzpatrick 1, Hixson 1, J. Murphy 1, Pryke 1, Snaith 1, Spivak 1, Sullivan 1, Walsh 1**, o.g. 2.

We entered many cup competitions last year, but unfortunately did not distinguish ourselves.

The 1st XI put up the most creditable performance in winning through to the semi-final of the Surrey A.F.A. Junior Cup, but they were then beaten 1-3 by Carshalton Reserves, who are not in the Old Boys' League. It is typical of the varying fortunes of football that this cup was subsequently won by Old Reigatians whom we had already beaten 3-2 in the league, and whom we again defeated 4-0 in the return league match after the final. In the London Old Boys' Cup, where opponents are drawn from all divisions of the three geographical regions of the league, both our teams went out in the first round.

But let us return again to success, and another trophy; the 3rd XI won Division Five (S.) at the first attempt, and alongside the First team will be presented with the Divisional Winner's trophy at the League's Annual Supper in October.

Results: Played 18, won 14, drawn 3, lost 1, for 66, against 35, Pts. 31.

Goal scorers: **M. Murphy 21, Spivak 8, Cooney 6, Clark 5, Baker 3, Dal-Din 3, Fulker 3, Pryke 2, Sanders 2; Whelan 2, Breslin 1, Dixon 1, Fitzpatrick 1, P. Gray 1, Hughes 1, Lewis 1, Nella 1, Sullivan 1, Smith 1**, o.g. 2.

30. 1965 Football ...continued

The new playing strip, which retains the traditional colours, was introduced by the first team last season, and is now to be worn by all three teams, [green with a blue band]. In the season which is just commencing the 1st XI will be meeting much tougher opposition in the non-geographically divided Central Division, the Reserves will be in Division Two (S.), and the 3rd XI in Division Four.

My main concern is for the Reserves, but with the very welcome return of two or three players from the universities to add to our strength, I trust that all the teams will acquit themselves well in these higher divisions.

Pride in our successes, team spirit and loyalty to the club will be essential. Finally, a word to all Old Boys, parents and schoolboys: there will be plenty of good football to watch at Norbury (and away) in the coming months, and it would be most encouraging if some supporters could manage to come along to the matches. Remember that for those eligible there is always the Clubhouse bar **D. H. ROWE.**

Having missed out on the AFA Cup earlier in the 1960s, the 1st XI went on to win this most prestigious of Cups in 1966



31. On the election trail - Cecil Pocock Conservative Councillor

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John Noulton, born January 5 1939, died May 4 2017

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32. Clapham College Minibus Camping Tour

Two New Bedford Mini Buses. 3 Teachers + 19 Boys. £25 per person + sandwiches for first day + personal spending money.

18 Tuesday 274m Chingford, Clapham, crossing by Dover, Calais or Boulogne??,

St Omer, Bethune, Arras, Cambrai, St Quentin, Laon, Rheims.

19 Wednesday 194m Rheims, War Cemetery (Monument aux Morts St Thierry??), Bar-le-Duc, Domremy-La-Pucelle (lunch), La Grande Cascades??, Epinal, Gerardmer.

20 Thursday 170m Gerardmer, St Die, Col St Marie 772m (bypassing Haut Koenigsbourg??),

Selestat, Strasbourg (Kiel across Rhine Bridge), Colmar, Gerardmer.

21 Friday 173m Gerardmer, Colmar, Freiburg, Titisee, Col de la Schlucht 1039m, Gerardmer.

22 Saturday 165m Gerardmer, Ballons d'Alsace 1178m, Ronchamp (church & lunch), Belfort,

Delle (Delsburg Swiss Border), Biel, La Neuville (Lac Biel).

23 Sunday La Neuville, Mass (Ben), Landeron (dinner) near Neuville??, La Neuville.

24 Monday 16m La Neuville, Landeron (dinner) near Neuville??, La Neuville.

25 Tuesday 138m Left La Neuville, Berne, Fribourg, Lac de Gruyeres (lunch), Vevey,

Lausanne (viewpoint), Rolle (Lac Geneve).

26 Wednesday 68m Rolle (Lac Geneve), Geneva for 5 hours, Annecy camp & eat.

27 Thursday Annecy (Dinner for 22 in the yard of a restaurant in L'ancienne Quartier).

28 Friday 134m Annecy, Aix Les Bains, Chambery, Grenoble (pissoir),

Monastery of St Pierre la Grande Chartreuse, Annecy.

29 Saturday Annecy for some. Bob Cummings & Co to la Grande Chartreuse.

30 Sunday 115m Annecy (Mass??), Ugine, Chamonix, Mont Blanc Cable car to Sallanches, Annecy.

31 Monday Annecy, Veyrier (dinner on terrace east side of Lac Annecy), Annecy.

1 Tuesday Annecy, Lido day, Dinner in Annecy. Ben lost his wallet??

2 Wednesday 217m Annecy, Geneva, Col de la Feuille 1323m, Morez (lunch), Dole, Dijon,

Chatillon sur la Seine., BenH+Dave C hitch-hike Lourdes.

3 Thursday 272m Chatillon, Troyes, Chateau Thierry (lunch), Pierrefonds, Compiègne,

Amiens, Abbeville, Breck Plage (football on beach or drinks at local)?

4 Friday 115m Breck Plage, Calais, Dover, Clapham, Chingford.

Cecil Pocock 1950 - 85?? **Bob Cummings** 195? - ?? **Bill Kidd** (22) 1950 - 57 + 1960 - 1967 **Tony Gilford** (22) 1950 - 61 **Laurence Richardson** (20) 1952 - 59 **Frank Gilford** (19) 1953 - 58 **Eugene Smith** (20) 1952 - 59 **Alec Morrish** (19) 1953—61 Australia 1954-57? **Colin Garvey** (18) 1954 - 61 **Ben Hogan** (20) 1952 - 59 **Ben Schwenk** (18) 1954 - 62 **Dave Conduct** (20) 1952 - 59 **Pete Keenan** (18) 1954 - 61 **Richard Benson** (17) 1955 - 62 **Phil Gray** (18) 1954 - 61 **Andy Devlin** (17) 1955 - 62 **Richie Clark** (18) 1954 - 61 **Ian Hamill** (17) 1955 - 62 **Terry Cain** (18) 1954 - 61 **John McGowan** (17) 1955 - 62 **Tony Cleather** (18) 1954 - 62



33. 1961 - College Trip to France - Switzerland

Clapham College Minibus Camping Tour 1961

In spring 1961 **Cecil Pocock, Bob Cummings, Bill Kidd** planned an educational camping trip to the Vosges and Jura mountains. It was hoped the 19 boys subscribing £25 each would gain experience from the local geology, geography, foods, customs, languages. Two absolutely brand new Bedford mini-buses were hired which they had first to run in for their 500-mile service. Years later Cecil said it was among the best school trips of his life. Echoed by Bill Kidd. And all of us!

How come an 18-day camping holiday was relatively inexpensive for us boys? At the time an experienced night baker or a pastry cook could earn £15-20 pw. A new teacher in London £500 pa or £800 pa as a new good honours graduate with a PGCE. A recent conversation with Bill Kidd reveals all. He recounts that our three teachers took wads of travellers cheques with them - Cecil most of all. It seems a not insignificant proportion of our daily fare was subsidised through their generosity. The £25 we each paid probably covered the van hire, petrol, sea-crossings, camp site fees, camp cooking and a contribution towards our restaurant meals. I can only thank Cecil, Bob, Bill for a holiday of a lifetime and most warmly applaud their terrific generosity.

Tuesday 18 July 1961 (274 miles)

Tony Gilford (22) was driving the family bench seat Hillman Minx at 7.45 am from Chingford to Clapham via the ever busy Elephant & Castle. He'd only passed his driving test a couple of weeks earlier. He was accompanied by his brother Frank (19) who had left CC after 'O' Levels to take an apprenticeship with Simon-Carves Civil Engineering. Our good mum, Mrs Gilford, came for the ride and to ensure the safe return of her car! They arrived at Hollywood to see tents and bags being loaded in and on top of two grey mini-buses surrounded by even more luggage still on the grass. Somehow we all crammed in - Tony had his Shell Garage Map of France and elected to be number two navigator and sit in front between Cecil as driver and Bill Kidd as number one navigator who was clutching Cecil's prize '*Guide Michelin 1960*'. It was Bill's duty to run to the back and open the van doors at all watering stops. Seems funny, Bill Kidd was a classmate of Tony Gilford in 1955 yet now Tony had just finished 'A' Levels while Bill was teaching chemistry at CC.

We made a Dover-Calais (Boulogne?) crossing and once on board ship some of us unpacked our sandwiches whilst a few made it to the bar which would open immediately outside the three-mile limit. Cecil, Bob and Bill headed for the ship's restaurant silver service. The crossing was fair - but many of us had taken Quells in anticipation of *mal-de-Mer* or even *mal-d'auto*. "Listen everyone! Now we're in France, adjust your watches. And be extra careful with the French currency - the 20,000F notes you may have are equivalent to 20NF (about 25 bob?). Always count your change properly!"

We found the *Camping-Municipale* in Rheims and by dark had set up tents. Cecil, Bob and Bill unwrap their inflatable tent and realise they have no foot pump. What is that French verb for '*to borrow*'? A few of us ventured out towards the poorly lit cathedral area hoping to meet a party of French girls (or even English) with similar interests. Disconsolately we ambled back to our tents.

34. 1961 Camping Trip to Europe ...continued

Wednesday 19 July (194 miles)

Next morning: cook breakfast (egg & bacon with French crusty bread) and then strike camp. Once on the road there were many signs to Nancy which several of the boys begged to run through. Cecil and Bill grimly smiled and ignored the banter. We stop briefly in Bar-Le-Duc. Then a longer stop at a vast war cemetery (Monument aux Morts St Thierry?) We walk quietly back to the vans with much anguish in our hearts, eyes filled with tears. These graves are for men hardly older than us. Cecil planned for lunch in Domremy-La-Pucelle. He and Bob found a restaurant who said they could feed us all at about 9.50NF per head (less than 12 bob). A grand 5-course lunch! That evening we arrived in Gerardmer to camp on a grassy slope leading down to the lakeside.

All the level areas of the campsite were taken by Frenchies. Phil Gray, as our fluent French guide, led us into the darkly lit town where he found a nondescript bar serving French beer *a la pression* which consists of half a glass of beer topped up with half a glass of froth! We ate chunks of crusty bread packed with a salty camembert or sausage. After a while *Le Patron* susses us out and produces some kiddies cartoon books which he seems to proudly claim as his own work. Firstly he persuades Phil to buy a signed copy. Then he appeals to the rest of us that we must of necessity also each have a copy. Suddenly the atmosphere seems ominous. We left, each of us with his copy and less a few francs. To this day I think that was the closest we came to being press-ganged into the Foreign Legion. Walk back to the campsite—tents - bed.

Thursday 20 July (170 miles)

Today we visit Strasbourg. A long winding journey up the Col St Marie (772m) through Selestat to stop in Strasbourg. Cecil says his van is not pulling well. At the summit they investigate the engine and find one spark plug lead is disconnected. Cecil and Bob suggest visiting the cathedral. A group of us decided to get a German stamp on our passports and trekked through derelict streets to the bridge across the Rhine leading to Kehl in Germany. The German police and passport control officers were disinterested, almost disobliging, but we insist our passports be stamped. Mad dogs and English boys ...

Friday 21 July (173 miles) After a decent breakfast the vans took us to Colmar for an hour to stroll and take photographs. Then we made for Freiburg in Germany and on to the resort of Titisee - a lakeside tourist venue, similar in popularity to our Lake District. Bob and Bill took a canoe out on the lake as did some others. To test out the climbing power of the Bedfords we returned to Gerardmer via Col de la Schlucht (1039m).

Saturday 22 July (165 miles) We left Gerardmer in Alsace (Vosges Mountains) to make for the Jura Mountains of Switzerland. After striking tents the now again heavily loaded vans successfully ascended Ballons d'Alsace (1178m) with Bob overtaking Cecil who had his handbrake on throughout the ascent. At the summit Bill said, "What is that odd burning smell?" Cecil and Bob then selected an insignificant border control post into Switzerland - perhaps we might be turned back? We crossed into Switzerland at Delle (Delsburg) and made for Bienne (Biel) and then to La Neuville beside Lac Biel. This campsite (Camping de la Plage?) has a railway line right beside it for the Basle-Geneva express trains. The ground was baked hard - tough for our tent pins. Cecil, Bob, Bill sharing their inflatable tent which they are pumping up with another borrowed sturdy foot-pump.

Sunday 23 July

La Neuville (or Landeron?) has a catholic church so all of us (most of us?) found ourselves at mass about 10.30 that morning. The locals and holidaymakers were intrigued to see a crowd of English boys joining in with their Latin mass and hymns. Ben Schwenk sang extraordinarily well and attracted admiring glances (more for his voice than his attire). On return to camp many stripped off in the hot sunshine to test the waters. Several girls (and boys) were sporting the jetty and diving in. After an hour Alec tried a novel approach - he raced down the jetty hurdling over a bathing beauty into the lake, came out dripping wet to speak to her. She was German and at summer school to improve her French. He was soon joined by Jim Howard. "You German?" he said. "You from Dortmund?" The girl shook her head. "My Dad was in Dortmund - in the British Army!" Don't talk about the war, Jim. Later on Tony and Frank dived in. Tony was wearing a blue singlet with his trunks and Frank still had his wrist watch on. We came out dripping wet trying carefully not to splash the girl. She asked Frank why he wore his wristwatch when swimming. He said it's waterproof. She turned to me and asked why I wore a blue vest when swimming. Not wishing to admit it covered up my tuberculosis surgery scars I said I was a lifeguard! Her name was Hilke and she came from Konigstein-am-Taunus, near Frankfurt. This morning Frank's watch is all steamed up inside. We walk into town to find a Swiss watch-repairer. He narrates the difference between water resistant and water proof. Come back tomorrow morning - *it vill be ass gut ass niew*. On the way back we see Hilke. "What are you doing this morning?" She's dressed up in white shirt and white shorts carrying a tennis racquet! She regrets she is meeting friends so I asked, "What about this evening?" She agreed to meet in a cafe with music. That evening Cecil and Bob arranged the evening meal at the same restaurant as yesterday. I said I'd got plans and Frank said you go on your own! We met in the cafe, Hilke had brought along a pretty Swiss friend. Oh Frank! Where are you when I need you? Hilke and I exchange addresses.

Tuesday 25 July (138 miles) Early breakfast. Frank redeems his watch. We start to break up camp - a small curious crowd stand around the inflatable tent. Bob has taken out the valve and the tent is deflating, hissing merrily. For some reason an extra mature French woman walks up to it and prods her finger at the crumpling body just at the moment it gives one last expiring sigh and sags to the ground. A loud scream but lots of loud laughter. The vans head towards Berne, Fribourg, and we lunch well at a restaurant by Lac de Gruyere. What's all this chatter about cheese? Then on to Vevey by Lac de Geneve. [Years and years later Concordia relates of a Clapham College WW 1 casualty buried here: "Searching for Private Cronin"]. The vans descend into Lausanne - an incredible view. Cecil informs us Byron and the Shelleys spent time on Lake Geneva in 1816. We camp overnight at Rolle.

Wednesday 26 July (68 miles) We leave Rolle for Geneva where Cecil, Bill and Bob give us five hours for the sights. They are planning a dinner *par excellence* at a posh hotel. Bill recounts how Cecil and Bob play the wine game for three. One orders the wine, one tastes it, one pays for it! They drink three bottles. On Bill's turn to pay Cecil enquires about their sweet French wines and the *sommelier* recommends a rather special Sauterne - Bill finds it is extraordinarily sweet so the other two finish the bottle. Meanwhile we pedestrians stroll the promenade and notice a gigantic 100m fountain in the lake but little more. Headlines: "Schoolboy attempts to swim Lake Geneva" [who else but Colin Garvey].

36. We leave the "broken-hearted" girls behind and head to Annecy

Thursday 27 July

It's really hot today. There is a Lido in Annecy which attracts many. A few of us walk around town and meet up with Cecil, Bob and Bill outside a bar drinking *cafe au fine* (continental coffee with a glass of brandy). We join them and Cecil suggests we try Pernod and ice-water. I can still see the Pernod clouding up in the ice and water and catch the aroma and taste of aniseed. Beats beer *a la pression*. Cecil entertains us with stories of Clapham life and college theatrical productions. What a raconteur he is. That evening we dine on trestle tables set up in the yard at the side of a restaurant in *le ancienne quartier*. What a meal, course after course of huge vol-au-vents, shellfish salad, soup, meat and gravy with vegetables, *bif-stek et pommes frites*, cheese board, *dessert au glace*. Bill insists he needs to see the blood run on his steak. The chefs were so long in preparing between courses that Richard Benson would repeatedly call out, "*Encore du pain. Encore de l'eau*" We drink Alsatian wines or Kronenbourg 1664 (Strasbourg), even water, and some of follow with liquers (Cointreau, Chartreuse, Benedictine).

Friday 28 July (134 miles)

Bob and one group stayed in Annecy today. Cecil and Bill took their van to drive by the lake on to Aix-Les-Bains, Chambéry and Grenoble. We made a watering stop in Grenoble where a crowd of the boys made for *le pissoir* in the square, one of those French constructions for males where they can stand looking out at the passing public over the decorative iron surround whilst relieving themselves. Then we headed through incredible scenery for St Pierre de Chartreuse to visit the great monastery (Carthusians follow the Statute of St Bruno 1084 AD rather than the Rule of St Benedict 530 AD in Monte Cassino). Frank and I bought a bottle of green Chartreuse to take home for Grandpa Dietz.

Saturday 29 July

Today Bob took his van and some lads to the monastery at Chartreuse. Meanwhile a few of us spent the morning imbibing Pernods outside a bar with Cecil and Bill. In the afternoon we made for the Lido. That evening we dined at Veyrier on the eastern bank of the lake. Another fabulous feast - I distinctly recall Salades Nicoise starters. We are seated outside on a terrace watching the sun going down across the lake.

Sunday 30 July (115 miles)

Somehow I do not remember going to mass this morning! Most of us went in the vans to motor via Ugine to Chamonix. A few of us could afford the cable car to the viewpoint looking out at Mont Blanc. There were actual roped up climbers coming up the hard way. Brother Joseph should have been one of them! The sky was ultra-blue and the mountainscape extensive. We could see the snow peaks of Italy and Switzerland.

Monday 31 July

Another day at the lido in Annecy. More boys than girls here. Time for Tony and Frank to try the diving boards - this all reminds me of Tooting Bec Lido. We don't impress any girls. Not anyone! Dinner out on the terrace at Veyrier again. Why is your second Salades Nicoises never as good as your first?

Tuesday 1 August

Once more unto the lido dear friends, once more. We watch, enviously, admiringly, French boys swallow diving off the boards, even the top one, youngsters too! Finally Tony dares himself to the top. I look down - this is Tooting Bec plus rather a lot. Perhaps I'll jump. No I won't. They'll all laugh if they see me climbing back down. So I jump. Why is this lake so deep - I'm going to drown down here. Which way is up? I'll never do that again. But I've done it! Back at camp we hear Ben lost his wallet - probably out of his back pocket in the latrines. Money gone but still has his passport? Time for a whip round.

Wednesday 2 August (217 miles)

Break camp and leave Annecy via French Geneva and Col de la Feuille (1323 m). Lunch at Morez. Drive on via Dole, Dijon to a walled camp-site by Chatillon-sur-la-Seine. We part with goodbyes and good lucks to Ben Scwenk, Eugene Smith and Ben Hogan, Dave Conduct near Dijon who plan to hitch-hike to Lourdes.

Thursday 3 August (272 miles)

We go from Chatillon via Troyes to Chateau Thierry and have lunch outside. I recall Frank keeping some of the younger lads at his table entertained with his experiences since leaving CC in 1958. How my little brother has matured since leaving Chingford for digs with an elderly couple in Stockport. Back on the vans we drive via Pierrefonds, Compiègne, Abbeville to a small coastal town, Breck Plage near Boulogne. After making camp some of us headed for the beach with a football - the tide was out! Soon a small crowd of various Frenchies were watching whilst we played five and a half per side footer. Some time later Richie Clark and company turn up, a little the worse for the weather, having exhausted the last of their NF notes and coins by working their way along the local bar liquer shelf. That night Phil Gray asks me are you going to play football at university. Haven't got the stamina. But it really was the most enjoyable kick-around since my playground days in 5A against 5 Alpha.

Friday 4 August (115 miles)

Our last day. The vans make for our Calais booking. There is an hour or so to spare to buy family gifts. Frank and I bought a set of five tea cups and saucers with a clever carved wood pattern for Mum. Then queue at the harbour while the port crew find a space aboard ship for two heavily stacked mini-buses. We leave the smooth waters of the harbour and head into the English Channel in conditions that the Shipping Forecast terms as 'moderate'. Everyone is perfectly fine out on the stern deck. But then the banter starts. "You look green, Jim!" followed by, "Are you feeling alright?" Soon Jim and others are down below. There's a whole lot of puking going on. Even the companionways begin to reek. What exactly does sea condition 'moderate' mean? All of a sudden we are driving out of Dover - no customs delays for us! Tenez la Gauche. Back in Clapham there is Mrs Gilford waiting with the Hillman Minx.

Thank you Tony, the sprit of the 1960s encapsulated in one school trip

38. 60s Cricket - Bene Benedict has to be fairly central-but there were others

OLD BOYS HOME CLUB		CRICKET CLUB V VISITORS		C. CLUB		
INNINGS OF C.C.		PLAYED AT NORWICH		ON 20-5-1962		
BATSMEN	TIME IN/OUT	RUNS SCORED	LOOKING RATE	HOW OUT	BOWLER	TOTAL
1. MAGEE	7			Bowled	GOOCH	0
2. FISHER	27			Bowled	GOOCH	2
3. GRAY	7			W/keeper	GOOCH	0
4. CAMPBELL	117			Bowled	BUNCE	2
5. BENSON	1137			Bowled	BUNCE	4
6. CLEATHER	17			Bowled	BUNCE	1
7. HIXON	7			Bowled	GOOCH	1
8. MURDO	17			Bowled	GOOCH	2
9. COLETTA -WK	12			Not out		2
10. RANDALL	7			Bowled	BUNCE	0
11. SHEN	7			W/ Bowled	BUNCE	0

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Bene the Batsman and the other Coletta, not the famous one [wicket-keeper] but the other one.. Emar.

41. 1960s - three "Heads" - work it out



FROM
THE HEADMASTER

CLAPHAM COLLEGE,
NIGHTINGALE LANE,
LONDON, S.W.4.
12.6.62.

Dear Anthony,
Wednesday 20th June at midday
will be fine.

This is a day for the Richenses.
Your three brothers all formed up on me this
morning at 9.30 to make arrangements about
Saturday. I hope they are not nervous of me
to the extent of needing each other's support
before they dare to beard me in my lair.

I -and Br. Sylvester - will be picked
up here on Saturday at 7.30. After that I am in
your hands.

All good wishes,

Br. Peter.

Letter, 1962 from
Brother Peter to the
Richins brothers

42. Eddie Ojak - talks Clapham College [from his home "Up



Edward (Eddy) Ojak – 1969-1976

Flashbacks from my seven year journey through Clapham College.....funny what you remember !

My association with Clapham College (CC) started long before the September 1969 intake, so when I walked through the main entrance arch, I was no stranger; you could say I had been broken in gently.

The Xaverian Brothers had been kind enough to allow the Polish community in Clapham and Balham to celebrate a mass in the chapel every Sunday at 10am. The classroom behind the chapel was opened up to accommodate the overspill of the congregation, and



after Mass, several of us would need to restore it to its Monday morning arrangement. I had been attending mass there for many years, and had been a pupil at the Holy Ghost RC primary (aka Nightingale Square Primary), one of the feeder schools for the College together with several friends (**Martin Flaherty** for one).

43. Memories of the College and the 60s - Eddie Ojak

So a few memories from me, spanning my time at Clapham.....

- Walking along Nightingale Lane (from Wandsworth) counter-current to the young ladies of Marianne Thornton School for Girls, who took great delight in removing my school cap and throwing it like a frisbee across the road and onto Clapham (South) Common. I would then dodge the traffic to try and retrieve it (and hang onto it) as I entered the College.
- My first day when on entering the school I was asked by some second years if I was wearing a “BS” ; I had no clue what a “BS” was, but was later to find out (after being ‘binned’) that it was in fact a Ben Sherman shirt. Of course I should have known this, as some of the second years upwards, were now pseudo skinheads, with Stay-Press trousers and brogue shoes, featuring more steel caps than would be required to shoe a horse.
- Checking the class list; were you going to be an **A or an Alpha?**
- Being asked for ‘soap fees’ if you wanted to use the WC ; fail to pay or act tough enough and you would probably receive a second baptism !
- Trying to buy snacks at the Tuck Shop without being hauled inside to clean it ; a certain **Mr Bond** comes to mind
- Wearing what appeared to be a great quality tri-colour rugby shirt from Umbro, at a school with no rugby team
- Being bussed to Richardson Evans Memorial Playing Fields in Roehampton for the regular Cross Country run ; the pupil at the very rear, getting their rear walloped with a plimsoll to increase their speed and overtake the pack
- **Brother Christopher’s** Geology Club and field trips discover ammonites and other priceless exhibits
- French lessons with **Brother Steven (or was it Mazda) then with Dave Burnham**
- Parents’ evening, and **Ron Casey** predicting that although I had made a promising start in Maths, it would all be erased due to wine, women and song. He was partly correct, and having the Convent School of La Retraite not too distant, did not help the temptation.
- **John Gibb** engaging and teaching us English and preparing us to sit the ‘O’ level in the Fourth Year ; **Cecil** preparing us for British Constitution and a lifetime of voting Conservative (tongue in cheek)
- Having to make a subject choices; I am sure it was Latin or Economics (**Graeme Hudson**), then Biology or English Literature. Oh how disappointed I was, when I had to join the small class of Latin students being taught by **Mr Webster** (and now it’s too late for many of us to say sorry), but having aspired to study medicine (without success) Latin was a necessary evil.

44. Eddie's memories of Clapham continued....

- Throwing javelins across the school paddock, without a great deal of health and safety in evidence although I am sure it was lurking in the background in the shape of **Rob James**
- 'Nobody expecting the Pythonesque Spanish Inquisition' except **Colin Garvey**
- The ancient Science block and laboratories; Physics with **Terry Clegg**, Chemistry with **Mick Casserly**. The Chemistry theory being taught in what can only be described as a lecture theatre, with **Mick Casserly** making similarities between atomic structure and London Buses (being from 'up north' of course); *"An electron will always try to occupy an empty atomic shell just as we choose to take an empty seat on a bus, rather than sit next to another passenger"*. As I did not get to medical school, I decided to study Chemistry at London instead and was often reminded of Mick's explanation.
- The understated laboratory technicians **Paul and Roger** (complete with furry waistcoat and horizontal approach to life), who put up with all of our antics in the chemistry and biology laboratories.
- Geography with '**Jock** **Scanlon**'; if Maize or Cassava was in your answer you would surely pass the exam on farming methods in Africa. Somehow it never proved valuable information.
- The A level Biology lab where John Wright taught and prepared our small cohort for the examinations. His teaching was so excellent that a few of us were entered for the S Level and passed!
- Studying for CSE (yes a CSE shock horror) Computer Studies with **Sasha Solomon** who also taught us Maths; another of the no-nonsense teachers we were lucky to have at CC.
- **Jake's Art and Gobbo Smith's music lessons**; I was hopeless at both but recall the class chant of ...G.O. / G.O.B. / G.O.B.O. – "Gobbo !!" We did have a great artist in our Alpha class **Mick McKenna** who could draw and paint better than the rest of us put together.
- Watching **Noel Quinn and Rick Swidzinski** playing air guitar to Freebird which was blaring out of our Prefects' Room windows in Hollywood, whilst we waited to sit various A level examinations in that hot summer of 1976, still not believing that the amalgamation had been approved. **And finally....** Being handed back an essay on the Greek naval battle of Salamis by **Brother Ambrose** with a large '0/10', despite the care and effort to produce my homework. Why zero marks?

Br.Ambrose's comment was; "**Watch the difference between WHERE and WERE**", and do you know happy reader, that now at 61, I still do! Funny what you remember.... And yes, **Ray**, I still use a ruler to ensure my freestyle writing is level! My thanks goes out to the pupils and the staff at Clapham College who made my experience there a happy and content one.

45. Advert in Concordia, bought and paid for, by the Morrish family

IF YOU WANT TO TELL A MAN A PLACE
TO GO TELL HIM TO GO TO MANOR
PLACE

(This of course is referring to
Manor Place, Walworth S.E.17.
where in particular one can
find at no. 169 all sorts of
confectionary, tobacco, and toys
at the shop of)

H. Morrish

Meanwhile.....

December, 1966.

The Clapham Old Xaverians' Association.

Dear Parents,

The Committee of the Association have arranged to give a Christmas Party to sons of Associate Members in forms I and II at the school, by kind permission of the Headmaster, on the night of the Association's Christmas Draw, Saturday, 17th December.

The proceedings will begin with tea at 5.30.p.m., and there will be films and games during the evening which will end after the Draw, about 9.0.p.m.

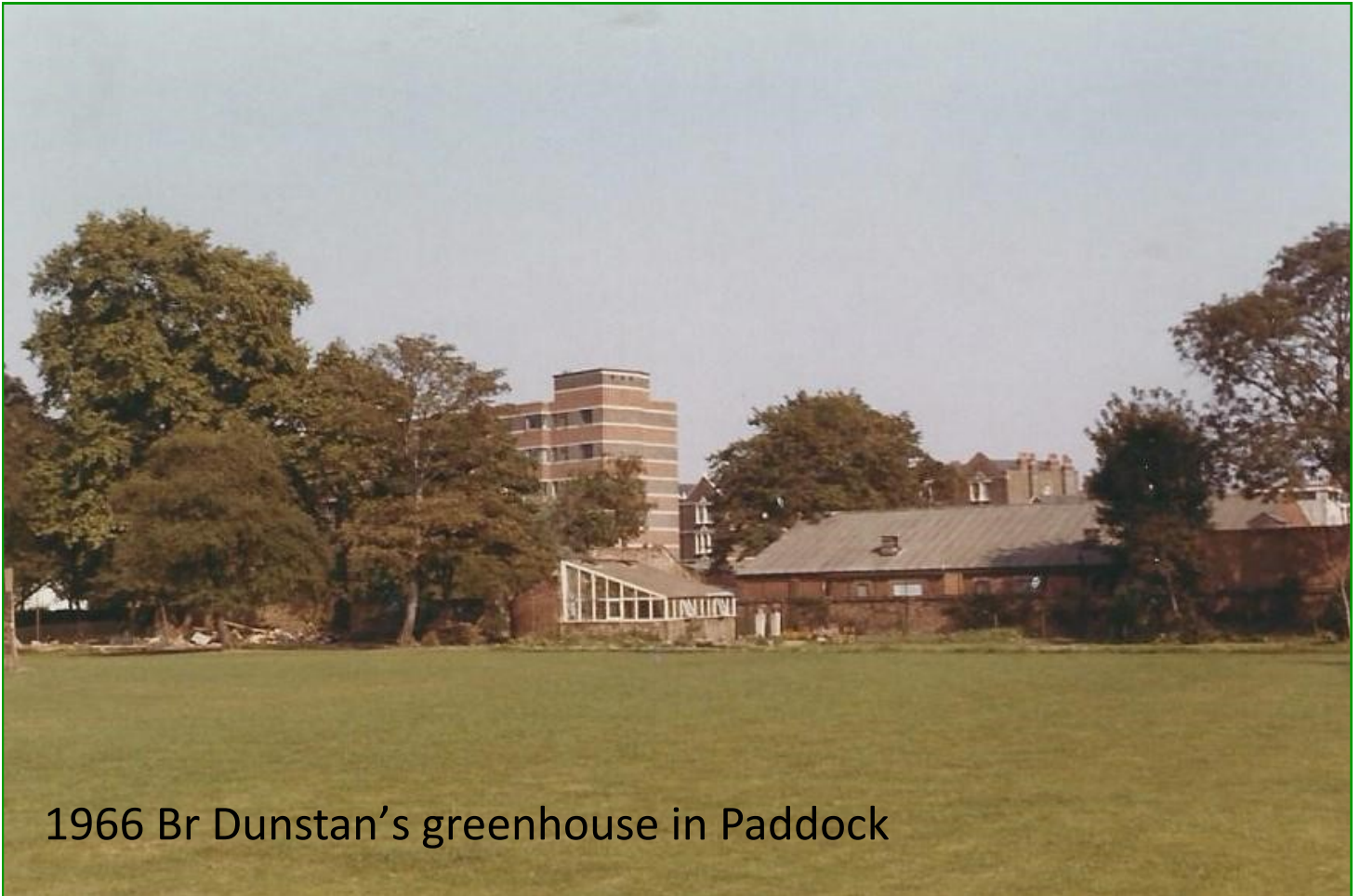
A charge of 2/- will be made, and the Old Boys will be pleased to see your son at the party.

To facilitate catering arrangements, an early reply will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Br. Christopher, C.F.X.

46. “The Paddock” - now the concrete & bricks of SFX cover it -



1966 Br Dunstan’s greenhouse in Paddock

Two views of the Paddock, East and West, today you’d be looking “east” across the car park of SFX College. There is **Brother Dunstan’s** Greenhouse, the centre of his world, tobacco and bowling green. The Paddock, home of all those practise cricket matches, athletics and 5-a-side football. The Westbury Flats looking great are still there today. The bottom photograph looks across the playground to the main teaching block, you cannot get that view today, although the main teaching block façade looks the same today, only used for Admin. We were so lucky to have the Paddock, specially on long summer days.

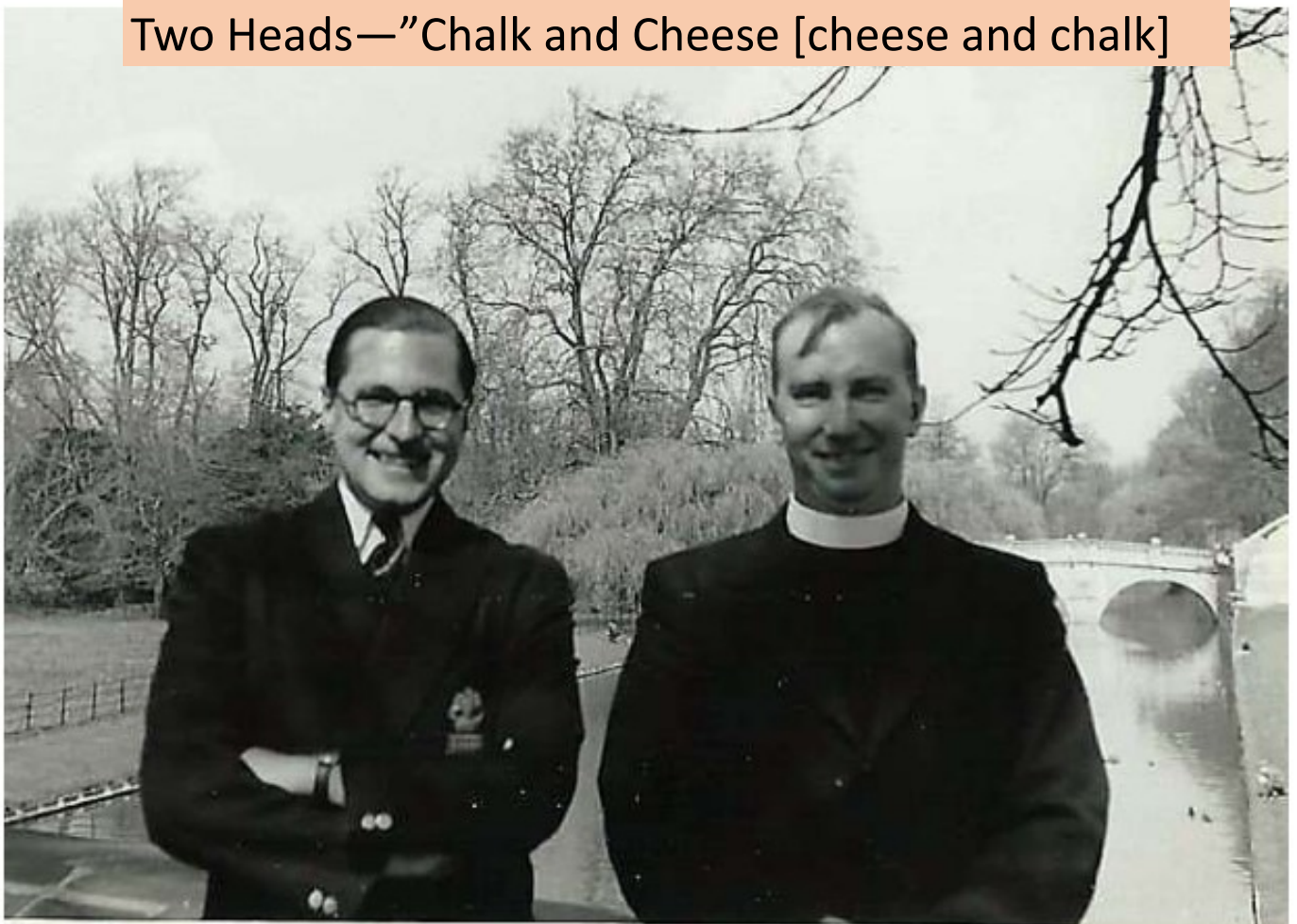


47. Prize Day on the Green, Mr Lee, History Exchange from USA

I can name all TEN in the photo



Two Heads—"Chalk and Cheese [cheese and chalk]



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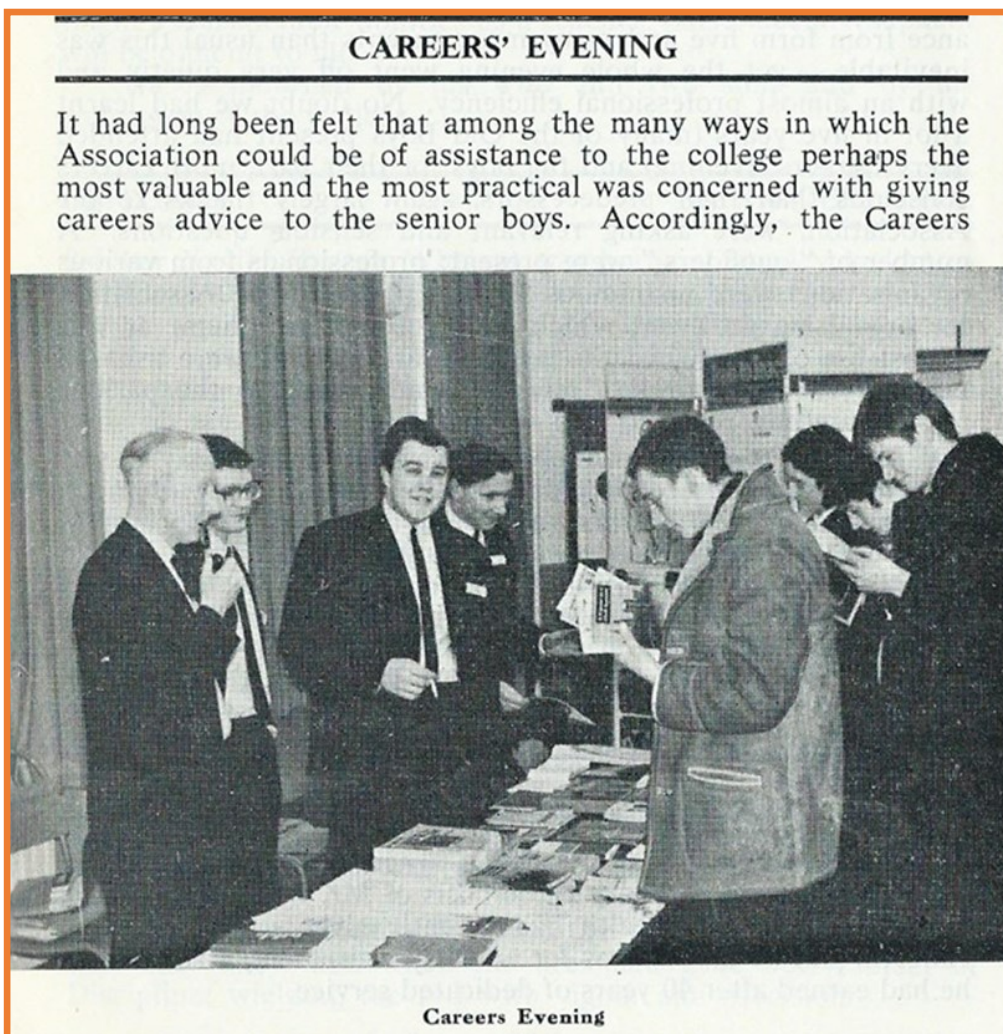


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The Clapham Xaverian was a school mag. Written by the boys themselves in the early 1960s. The Prefects were the main "reporters and editors" a prof. job!



The Careers Evening was really Brian Sander's "baby" and he organised it with great thoroughness and care. Don't really know who got a job from it-but I'm sure there is someone out there who could tell! Love the Cecil moustache and the Motty "sheepskin".



50. Cecil the "ex-Mayor" in the USA and later visiting with boys

WILL HANDLE HISTORY CLASSES IN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

British Borough Ex-Mayor to Teach in Greendale

The former mayor of Chiswick-Brentford, England, will teach history and civics this fall at Greendale high school.

The Englishman is Cecil Pocock, 37, a history teacher at Clapham college, London, England.

He will join the school's staff for one year under an exchange program which sent Frank Lee, a history teacher at Greendale, to Clapham.

"These lifts sure run smooth," Pocock said, as he



Cecil Pocock

stepped off an elevator after his arrival in Milwaukee.

A personable fellow with a brush mustache, Pocock's first

trip to downtown Milwaukee was to "post a letter."

"This is the first time I've tackled American history and civics," he said of his assignment at Greendale. "I've been teaching English history and civics for 16 years."

While in the United States, Pocock wants to "see the country, see how the people live and see how they bring up their children."

"I plan to do quite a bit of touring," he explained.

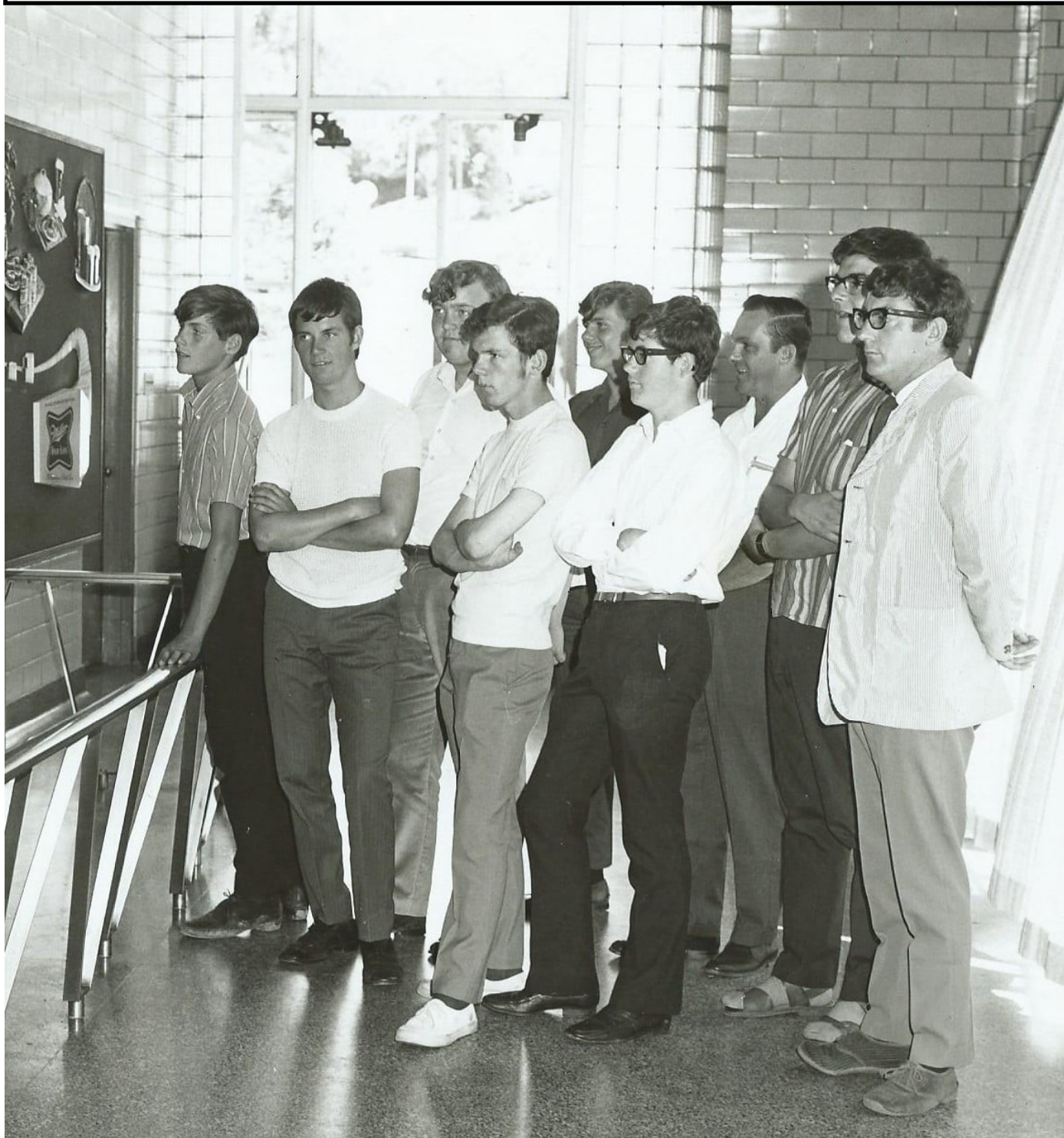
Besides a stint as "mayor of my borough (Chiswick-Brentford)," Pocock was a justice of the peace "which in England is quite a job."

He has refereed soccer games and enjoys cricket during the summer.

One of 90 British teachers taking part in the exchange program, Pocock spent several days in New York city and a week in Washington, D. C., before coming to Milwaukee last month.

While here, he is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fogelberg, 6704 Conifer la., Greendale. Pocock, a bachelor, will return to Clapham next July.

Lee, of 6052 S. 116th st., Hales Corners, has already left with his family for Clapham to begin his duties. He is one of about 500 American teachers switching places with foreign teachers under the educational and cultural exchange act.



PREFECTS FIND 'ARSENAL' AT BOYS' SCHOOL

A SURPRISE search on Monday by prefects at a Clapham school run by Brothers of a Catholic order, revealed weapons including air pistols, a meat hook, an ammonia spray gun and chairlegs, following rumours of an impending street battle between the boys of three schools in the area.

The weapons were found hidden in boys' desks and briefcases at Clapham College in Nightingale-lane, Clapham. Now there is almost certain to be an investigation by the school governors.

Police were called in by

headmaster Brother Peter after hearing rumours that a fight between pupils from the college, Balham Secondary School and Henry Thornton School was to take place in the evening.

According to schoolboys, trouble has been growing over the past few weeks following internal friction at Clapham College between fourth and fifth-formers.

It came to a head last week, they say, when a gang of youths, called in from Balham Secondary School by a fourth-year boy, invaded the college grounds.

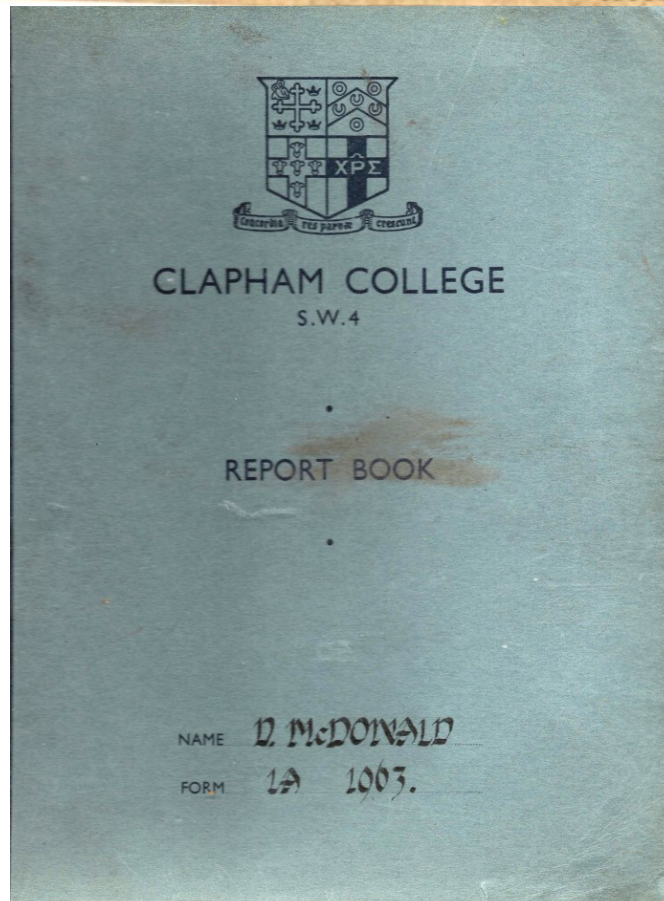
The 400-pupil Clapham College, housed in a massive Georgian-style house over-

looking Clapham Common, is a direct-grant school run by the Xaverian Brothers with the help of lay teachers.

One of the prefects said, "The stuff that was found in the search was unbelievable. Three boys have been interviewed by police and 15 boys had weapons confiscated.

"This trouble has been coming over the past few weeks and the boys must have been arming themselves. If we hadn't stepped in I daren't think what might have happened."

Other weapons found included a pike hook, cycle chains, a bowling alley pin and three pairs of steel-toecapped boots.



One of the things I had in common with the teachers at Clapham -

"spelling" they spelt my name wrong on my 1st School Report, all my sporting awards and all my GCEs and A-Level certificates.

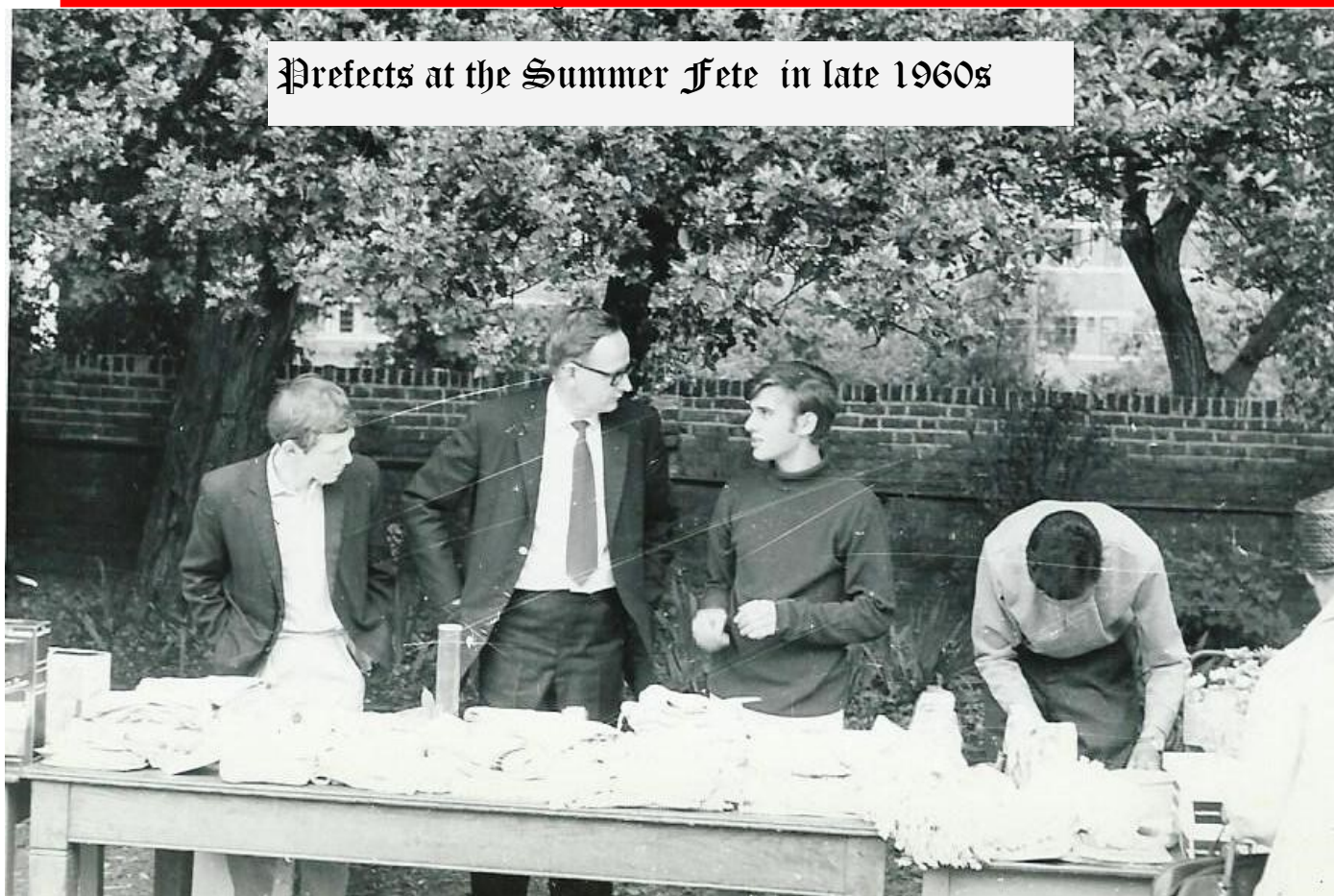
In those days, you were what you were called eh?

Johnny

53. Upper School class lists in the mid -1960s.

<u>4A</u>	<u>4E</u>	<u>5A</u>	<u>5C</u>	<u>LVI</u>	<u>UVI</u>
Betts, L	Burgess S	Banham, P	Adams, N	Bogdanowicz	Appleford, A
Dempsey, P	Burke, S	Breen, D	Atkinson, H	Boyd, J	Ashwick, V
Earp, M	Coldrick, M	Casey, D	Benedict, B	Brett, A	Brown, G
Finnegan, M	Findlay, J	Ciechanowicz	Bond, K	Bryder, A	Ciechanowicz
Gallagher, P	Fitzgerald, K	Connelly, G	Browne, F	Coughlin, A	Couche, M
Grudniewicz	AGackowski, A	Coyne, P	Carrucan, M	Dobing, R	Davis, H
Hatton, I	Galtrey, J	Cronin, J	Carter, J	Evans, J	Dines, G
McKland, H	Gateley, R	Davies, L	Clarke, P	Gogarty, B	Doran, P
	Griffin, M	Delaney, D	Cleak, J	Grice, M	Dugan, J
Hudson, P	Hickey, J	Dolan, N	Collins, M	Griseri, P	Farrell, S
Joyce, B	James, J	Fitzgerald, A	Connaughton	Haire, M	Fee, N
Kearns, E	Janus, P	French, C	Coyne, J	Hixson, P	Fowler, P
Kennedy, D	Janusewski, K	Frost, S	Dippel, T	Hunter, F	Galtrey, P
Kwiatkowski	AKavanagh, C	Hanagan, A	Dziedzic, S	Jeffers, E	Griffin, A
Lipinski, G	Kearns, M	Harris, J	Farrell, M	Jones, P	Hickey, J
McKeon, P	Kuczera, J	Hillier, D	Flaherty, P	Kearns, B	Kearns, A
Morris, P	McDermott	Hoey, P	French, A	King, J	McNicholas J
Murphy, J	Leaden, T	Holland, G	Galtrey, M	Larkin, L	McNicholas P
O'Dee, T	Lills, R	Jacobs, R	Grace, G	Lucas, R	Milligan, P
Parker, S	Murtagh, M	Keenoy, D	Lelly, T	McDonagh, R	Murtagh, C
Rettner, C	O'Malley, J	Kennedy, R	Kirby, P	McGrath, M	Murtagh, J
Ryan, H	Orpwood, P	McFall, P	Kondziela, A	McNama, A	Murrin, T
Schwenk, S	Palmer, N	McNama, B	Leahy, S	Manktelow, P	Myers, A
Sheridan, A	Primarolo, P	Murphy, F	Lever, A	Morrissey, J	Nallen, R
Taggart, G	Roy, K	Murphy, D	MacDonald, D	Myers, D	Pearson, R
Verdier, G	Stanbridge, A	Naughton, T	McFadden, C	O'Shea, E	Riley, R
West, P	Swidzinski, M	Suttoni, R	Murphy, K	O'Shea, M	Smullen, J
	Tutt, S	Simmonds, M	Murphy, M	Roskowski, M	Tehan, P
	Walbach, R	Siwecki, P	Pearson, P	Taggart, M	Wright, C
		Stewart, S	Ryan, J	Verdier, S	
		Stolarczyk	Seymour, M	Westcott, R	
		Ward, M	Sheen, P	Wloch, G	
		White, A	Shortall, B	Kirby, J	
		Widuch, B	Walsh, J	Pozzoni, P	
(26)	(29)	(34)	(34)	(34)	(29)

Prefects at the Summer Fete in late 1960s



55. First Year School Trip to Box Hill [I think - John McNicholas adds names]



Clapham First Years at Box Hill

Tour of Central Switzerland.

Dear Parents,

I have pleasure in sending you the complete programme of arrangements for the tour. As this is the final itinerary, you are earnestly asked to study it carefully and to co-operate fully in order to ensure the success of the holiday.

1. Outward Journey. Tuesday, 24th July, 1968.

20.00 (8.0.p.m.). Leave Liverpool Street.
21.35 (9.35.p.m.). Arrive Harwich.
22.15 (10.15.p.m.). Leave Harwich.

~~Wednesday~~ Wednesday, 25th July.

04.15 (6.15.a.m.). Arrive Hook of Holland.
07.31 (7.31.a.m.). Leave Hook of Holland.
19.47 (7.47.p.m.). Arrive Brnozen.

2. Homeward Journey. Wednesday, 1st August.

08.45 (9.45.a.m.). Leave Brnozen.
22.37 (10.37.p.m.). Arrive Hook of Holland.
23.00 (11.40.p.m.). Leave Hook of Holland.

Thursday, 2nd August.

06.45 (6.45.a.m.). Arrive Harwich.
07.37 (7.37.a.m.). Leave Harwich.
09.13 (9.13.a.m.). Arrive Liverpool Street.

3. Assembly at station.

Every boy (preferably accompanied by an adult) must be at the departure platform at Liverpool Street station not later than 7.15.p.m., and must report to me personally. The party will take their seats in the reserved coach at 7.30.p.m. On no account can alternative travelling arrangements be made for boys who arrive at the station after the train has left. Parents are particularly asked to co-operate in this timing. Every boy should be met at Liverpool Street on the morning of the return journey.

4. Food on route.

The train breakfast will be taken shortly after the train leaves the Hook. Each boy should bring with him a packed lunch for the midday meal and sandwiches for the latter part of the journey. Dinner will be served at the hotel on our arrival.

Food for the return journey. Breakfast will be taken at the hotel on the morning of our departure, and each boy will be supplied with a continental packed lunch for the midday and evening meals on the train. Soft drinks can be obtained at all times on the trains, but the boys have been advised to carry their own liquid refreshment.

5. Clothing and baggage.

Every boy will wear the school uniform for the outward and return journeys. Light clothing is recommended for the stay in Switzerland, as temperatures are normally high at this time of the year. Strong shoes; socks; bathing trunks if desired. Foot-covering might be necessary. Care should be taken not to overload with luggage,

57. Chairman Ted writes to the 1967 College leavers



The Clapham Old Xaverians' Association

46 Eldred Drive,
Orpington,
Kent.

17th May, 1967.

Dear Parent,

In September your son will begin a new crucial phase of his life at Clapham College. The years he spends at the college will influence the rest of his life and if he is like so many of us former pupils he will not want to end his connections and loyalties that he has acquired when he leaves the college. This is where you can help.

By becoming an Associate Member of the Old Boys Association for the next five years your son will receive five years free membership of the Association when he leaves the college. While you are an Associate Member you are welcomed and encouraged to attend all our social functions, to participate fully in our activities and to make use of all the facilities provided by the Association be they sporting or otherwise. You will receive our regular newsletter COXAN, our annual 'Concordia' and be kept informed of all that is going on.

How much does it cost? Surprisingly little. The annual subscription for Associate Membership is 15s. Od. or you can pay the complete five year subscription at a reduced rate of £3. 10. Od. Subscriptions paid now will be for the year beginning 1st. October, 1967. If you would like to join please fill in the attached form and hand it in tonight or you can take it away and send it together with your remittance to the Association's treasurer, whose name and address is on the form.

The Associate Members are represented on the Association's general committee by: R. Massara, 27 Upwood Road, Norbury, London, S.W.16. Telephone: Pollard 8431. He will be pleased to answer any queries that you have and give you any details that you may require. Brother Christopher, CFX, who is our link with the college and with you through your son, will always be pleased to give you any help.

We look forward to meeting you at all or any of our future functions.

Yours sincerely,

E. J. HAYTER

Chairman

I wonder who turned down our offer?

CONFIDENTIAL

LIST OF PERSONS WHO AT 20TH MARCH 1966 HAD NOT RENEWED
THEIR MEMBERSHIP HAVING PAID IN PREVIOUS YEAR

BARRATT M.	*HURWORTH D.	RANDOLPH I.A.
*BATLEY M.	JONES A.O.	*ROGERS J.
BROWN P.	KIDD W.R.	ROMAINE D.
BURGESS G.	*LAMBERT P.	SCOTT N.P.
CAMPBELL B.	*LISHMAN T.J.	*SERADI D.J.J.
CARPENTER L.G.	LUCKHURST L.I. Dnn	SMITH C.
CARROLL K.M.	LUKE C.E.	*SNAITH L.
CASSANDRO P.	*LUZMINSKI	SPIVAK P.
CLARK R.V.	*McCORMACK M.	STEWART A.P.
CLEAK W.	McGUIRE J.T.	TEE J.A.
COLLETTA A.	MASON D.F.	URQUART J.
DUFFY T.	MAYOR I.C.	*VERNEY T.
EAMES B.C.	MEADE M.P.	WHITE D.
ELLIS John	*MEADOWS R.	*WHITING J.W.
EMERSON J.A.	*MOORE J.	WILLIAMSON K.
FARON A.	MORRISH A.O.	*WILSHAW M. Dnn
FITZGERALD T.	MULVIHILL F.G.	*YOUCEE M.
* GILHOLEY J.F.	MURPHY M.E.P.	✓ STROEGER E.S.
GUNN P.J.	*MURPHY Peter	✓ BYRNE S.
*HART B.	*NELLA J.	✓ MURPHY P.
*HAUGHAN K.	*O'CONNOR K.J.	
*HEMSLEY M.	OSBORNE F.	
HICKEY P.	*O'SULLIVAN G.	
HIXSON F.	PEPPER W.	
HUGHES P.J.	PRINCE Chris	

NOTE: PERSONS MARKED * WERE SCHOOL LEAVERS SEPT. 1964 AND THEREFORE
HAD A FREE YEAR 1964/65 - DUE TO START PAYING THIS YEAR 1965/66.

59. The 1965 Summer Fete - letter from the dynamic duo of Pocock and Gibb

Clapham College,
11 Nightingale Lane,
LONDON, S.W.4.

May 1965

Dear Parent or Friend of the School,

For the first time, for many years, we are holding a Summer Fete in the grounds of Clapham College this year on Saturday, 10th July. The object is to raise money towards the construction of new buildings at the College which, as we are sure you all realise, are desperately needed. This Fete must be a great success, socially and financially. To make it so we need your active and generous co-operation. We are therefore asking you to donate, on four fixed weeks, certain articles for the Fete stalls, as follows:-

School week 31 May - 4 June : one article of household goods, e.g. soap, detergent, brushes, mops, dusters, towels, etc.

School week 14 - 18 June : one bottle of any description from spirits and wines to squashes, sauces, etc.

School week 21 - 25 June : one packet of sweets

School week 28 June - 2 July : one item of grocery of any type other than rapidly perishable goods.

Of course, if you can contribute more than one item in any of these categories we shall be delighted, but we do ask every family to contribute one item at least each week.

In addition we ask you to support the Fete by buying lucky number programmes, which you can obtain from the boys. Above all we hope that you will yourselves come to the Fete. Apart from the stalls there will be a fine Tombola, Bingo, many sideshows, refreshments, a raffle and above all, we hope, a happy and cheerful atmosphere.

We shall be sending out reminders as each donation week approaches, through the boys, but our experience is that these circulars do not always reach home. So please keep this letter handy to remind you of the dates.

Please help us to make this new venture a magnificent success. All depends on the support you give us.

Yours sincerely,

C.A. POCKOCK

J. GIBB

Fete Organisers.

They were so organised, week after week of letters from the staff "bander" circulated to all the boys to bring in enough "prizes" to make the event a

60. Letter for the Vatican acknowledging the Xaverian "generous" gift



N. 47813

Dal Vaticano, il Dicembre 31, 1960

Reverend Brother Superior,

The Holy Father has duly received the liberal gift which you and your Religious have wished to place at His disposal, on the occasion of His eightieth anniversary, as an offering towards the construction in Rome of an International house for students.

Entrusting to me the honoured charge of acknowledging this highly appreciated gift, His Holiness bade me convey to you also the expression of His heartfelt thanks, and the assurance of His prayers that God may amply recompense your filial devotion, loving attachment and warm generosity.

In further testimony of His benevolent thankfulness, and to invoke that heavenly reward, the Sovereign Pontiff bestows from His heart upon you and your Religious, your families and benefactors, His paternal Apostolic Benediction.

With sentiments of religious devotion, I remain

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Reverend Brother Superior,
Brothers of St. Francis Xavier,
Clapham College

London



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61. COXA in the 1960s - The Old Boys Committee

LIST OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President: Rev. Bro. Dunstan.
Vice-Presidents: Very Rev. Bro. Matthias, Rev. Bros. Peter, Pius, Xavier, Messrs. W. J. Donovan, D. Jones, A. Thomas.
Chairman: R. A. Lewis, 293 Whitehorse Road, West Croydon, Surrey.
Vice-Chairmen: B. Sanders, P. J. Brennan.
Secretary: (Position Vacant) see "Res Parvae".
Treasurer: J. P. Cernuschi, 16 Sternhold Avenue, S.W.2 (Phone: TUL 4514).
Social Secretary: M. J. Hayland.
Editor Concordia: P. J. Gunn, 1 Bushnell Road, S.W.17 (Phone: BAL 8765).
Section Secretaries: Football — D. Rowe. Cricket — P. Barry. Tennis — P. Breslin. Squash — M. J. Hayland. Table Tennis — B. Sanders. Club House — M. B. Ward. C.O.B.A.C.S. and "Fœdus Precum" — D. R. Quin.
New Members: A. Steward.
Auditors: D. Mulvihill and P. Hughes.

1961 Committee

The Clapham Old Xaverians' Association



Thirty - Second Annual Dinner & Dance

Abingdon Suite, Great Smith Street

Saturday, 18th February, 1967

Chairman

E. J. Hayter, Esq.

Toasts

In 1967 we had "Dinner Dances"

Her Majesty The Queen

Proposed by

The Chairman

The College

Proposed by

B. Eames Esq.

Response by

Rev. Bro. Peter C.F.X.

The Association

Proposed by

Rev. Bro. Alexander C.F.X.

Response by

B. F. Sanders Esq.

62. Brother Christopher's leavers List 1966-67

Upper Vile 1966-67

P. APPLEFORD	69	FIELDEND ROAD	S.W.16
K. BARNAYILLE	FLAT 2,	6 HANNINGTON ROAD	S.W.4
B. BARRETT	13,	MYLNE CLOSE, UPPER MALL	W.6
A. BEATTIE	6,	CROSSLER STREET	S.E.17
E. CORRIGAN	48,	GLEN ALBYN ROAD	S.W.19
G. CROWLEY	10,	ROGERS ROAD, TOOTING	S.W.17
T. GARRATTY	44,	MALLISON ROAD	S.W.17
P. GILMOUR	145,	BORCOMBE AVENUE	S.W.2
I. HAMILL	37,	GRIERSON HOUSE, ALDRINGTON ROAD	S.W.16
M. HART	26,	MARSH HOUSE, & THESSALY ROAD	S.W.8
C. LONERGAN	106,	AMESBURY AVENUE	S.W.2
P. M'DERMOTT	3,	HARGWYNE STREET STOCKVELL	S.W.4
P. O'CONNOR	23,	DUNSMORE ROAD	S.W.12
R. O'REGAN	79,	SHELLEY HOUSE, CHURCHILL GARDENS,	S.W.1
P. PAYNE	53,	ARROWSMITH HOUSE, TYERS STREET	S.E.11
L. POLASZEK	15B.,	SPENCER ROAD	S.W.18
A. POPLETT	181,	EAST DULWICH GROVE	S.E.22
W. ROSZKOWSKI	26,	TURRET GROVE	S.W.4
T. SHEA	109,	PANFIELD ROAD, ABBEY WOOD	S.E.2
J. SHORTALL	71,	TOPSHAM ROAD, TOOTING	S.W.17
S. TOYNE	6,	CHAMBERS STREET	E.1
A. TWORKOWSKI	22,	PARKINGTON HOUSE, CLAPHAM ROAD	S.W.9
L. UPTON	18,	CLAIRVIEW ROAD	S.W.16
C. LALLY	32,	BELVEDERE COURT, UPPER RICHMOND ROAD	S.W.15

Hopefully not many of you still live at the above addresses, apologies if you do, hopefully not breaking data protection laws.. Hoped these addresses gave some of you a wry smile.. From my point of view [on a very rough "head-count"] seventeen joined the Old Boys Well done **Brother Chris** you did very well on that recruitment drive...and after over half a century most are still in the Association.

CLAPHAM COLLEGE



PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

in

The Town Hall, Battersea

on

Wednesday, November 6th, 1963

at 7.0 o'clock

PROGRAMME

CHOIR.

Five Eyes	-	-	-	-	Walter de la Mare	-	-	Armstrong Gibbs
Quand Mon Mari	-	-	-	-	Chanson, 1570	-	-	Orlando Di Lasso
Funiculi, Funicula	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Demza

THE PLAY

THE GHOST OF JERRY BUNDLER

by

Charles Rock

(Adapted from W. W. Jacob's story 'Jerry Bundler')

Characters

Somers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Charles Wright
Malcolm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Martin Coache
Hirst	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Richard Riley
Beldon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Raymond Stanbridge
Penfold	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Neil Fee
Dr. Leak	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Jeremy Hickey
George, a waiter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Shawn Farrell

(The scene is the Commercial Room in an old-fashioned hotel in a small country town.)

The Play is produced by Reverend Brother Christopher, C.F.X. The Music is directed by Mr. G. C. Smith.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS.

	1962-1963	1963-1964
School Captain.	Anthony Gray	Lawrence Smith
House Captains.		
Canterbury	L. Smith	M. McCormack
Chatterhouse	B. Campbell	A. Chisara
Glastonbury	R. Hewish	T. Varney
Walsingham	T. Ashton	L. Harrell
Games Captains.		
Athletics	J. Nella	J. Nella
Cricket	B. Campbell	A. Gray
Football	A. Gray	L. Smith

Award of Colours.

Cricket.	F. Hinson, A. Davis, M. Gilbrody.
Football.	J. Kidd, F. Hinson, B. Campbell.
Athletics.	A. Chisara.

64. O-Level and A-Level passes 1963

Some real "stars" in there

HIGHER RELIGIOUS CERTIFICATE.

A. Cimara	D. Hoare	G. Mohan	D. Scardi
I. A. Hamill	M. Lawless	J. Nella	T. Verney
J. Haynes	R. Lemon	K. O'Connor	
M. Hensley	M. McCormack	J. O'Shea	

SCHOOL RELIGIOUS CERTIFICATE.

S. Byrne	A. Fulker	M. Morcombe	A. Sowersby
W. Cimara	W. Haley	D. Murray	T. Sullivan
M. Cusack	M. Keating	A. Phipps	J. Uring
S. Durbach	P. Keogh	J. Poplett	J. Wardrop
A. Davin	T. Lishman	C. Salmon	T. Woodon
A. Fairman	T. McCarthy	P. Schwenk	M. York
M. Foy	R. Mallia	C. Smith	

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION.

Advanced Level, 1963.

J. C. Aldrich	Maths, App.M., Phys., <i>T level Chem</i> (Chem. 1962)	R. W. Hewish	Geog. Hist.
T. M. Ashton	Geog.	G. M. Hurworth	Maths. (L.VI)
P. J. Barry	Maths, Phys, Chem.	R. E. Jackson	Maths, App.M., Phys. (Maths. 1962)
B. P. Campbell	Geog., Hist.	G. C. Mann	Lit., Hist.
J. F. Gilhooly	Maths, App.M., Phys., Chem., (Maths, App.M. 1962)	M. Murphy	Lit., Hist.
J. S. Ginnaj	Maths, App.M., Phys. (Maths. 1962)	J. Nella	Maths, Phys. (L.VI)
A. C. Gray	Lit., Fr., Hist., Italian.	P. Poplett	Geog.
A. J. Greaves	Maths, App.M., Phys., (Maths, App.M. 1962)	I. P. Pradnowak	Phys.
J. F. Haynes	Art (L.VI) (Art 1962)	D. W. Romaine	Chem.
D. T. Healy	Fr. (Eng. 1962)	D. J. Scardi	Maths, App.M., Phys. (L.VI)
		L. M. Smith	Hist.
		T. C. Verney	Art. (L.VI)

Ordinary Level, 1963.

A. J. Anderson	Lit., Lat., Fr., Hist., B.C., Geog., Phys. (Eng. Maths.)	W. J. Haley	Lit., Fr., Hist., B.C., Geog., Ad.M., Phys., Chem. (Eng. Maths.)
B. J. Baker	Lit., Lat., Fr., Hist., B.C., Geog., Ad.M., Chem. (Eng. Maths. Phys.)	I. A. Hamill	B.C., (Lit., Phys., Lat., Fr., Chem., Hist., Geog., Eng. Maths.)
A. Brickwood	Lit., Fr., B.C., Art, Phys., (Eng., Geog., Maths.)	B. W. Hart	Hist., Geog., Art.
J. W. Butler	Eng. Maths. (Form 4).	P. R. Hayes	Hist., B.C., Geog., Art. (Eng. Maths.)
S. T. Byrne	Eng. Fr., Hist., B.C., Art, Maths.	D. T. Healy	Indian.
C. H. Carroll	Eng. Maths. (Form 4).	F. J. Hixson	Lit., Fr., Hist., B.C., Maths. (Geog., Art, Eng.)
G. L. Clark	Maths. (Form 4).	M. Keating	Hist., Art. (Maths.)
W. E. Cleak	Maths (Form 4).	T. A. Killy	Eng. (Form 4)
J. F. Condon	Lit., Lat., Fr., Hist., Geog., Phys., Chem. (Eng. Maths.)	D. Kennedy	Maths, Phys. (Form 4)
J. M. Connor	Lit., B.C., Art.	D. M. Kennedy	Eng. (Form 4).
J. Daldin	Indian (Eng. Fr., Hist., Geog.)	P. A. Keogh	Lat., Fr., Hist., Geog., Maths., Chem., (Eng.)
A. E. Davis	Fr., Hist., (Eng.)	C. Kidd	Eng. B., Hist., Maths.
P. J. Dowd	Eng., Geog., Art. (Maths.)	P. King	Eng. (Form 4)
P. E. Duffy	Eng. (Form 4).	R. Lemon	Maths., (Lit., Lat., Fr., Hist., Geog., Phys., Chem., Eng.)
T. A. Duffy	Eng. (Form 4).	G. C. Mann	Indian.
A. Fairman	Eng., Hist., B.C.	T. A. McCarthy	Lit., Fr., Hist., Geog., Phys. (Eng., Maths.)
C. J. Fisher	B.C., Ad.M. (Eng., Fr., Hist.)	M. McCormack	Fr., B.C. (Eng., Fr., Hist.)
A. D. Fletcher	Eng., Lat., Fr., B.C.	R. J. Mallia	Lit., Hist., B.C., Geog., Maths., Phys. (Eng.)
M. J. Foy	Eng., Hist., B.C., Geog., Art.	J. D. Moore	Eng. (Form 4)
F. G. Frank	Eng., Fr., Geog., Phys., Chem. (Maths.)	M. J. Morcombe	Lit., Fr., Hist., Geog., Art. (Eng.)
D. S. Franklin	Maths. (Form 4).	B. S. Mizsakowski	Eng., Maths., Phys. (Form 4).
P. C. Fry	Eng., Chem. (Maths.)	D. E. Murray	Lit., Hist., Geog. (Eng.)
A. E. Fulker	Eng., Fr., Hist., B.C., Geog., Maths.	G. O'Sullivan	Eng. Maths. (Form 4)
M. J. Gibbons	Eng. Maths. (Form 4)	J. Payne	Lat., Fr., Hist., Geog., Art. (Eng.)
A. J. Greaves	Chem.		
K. S. Gregory	Lit., Lat., Fr., Hist., B.C., Geog., Phys. (Eng. Maths.)		

65. 1963 Prize winners and University Entrants

Ordinary Level, 1963—contd.

D. F. Penfold	Eng., (Form 4).	A. P. Sowersby	Eng., Fr., Hist., B.C., Chem.
J. P. Poplett	Fr., Hist., Geog., Phys., (Eng. Maths.).	L. H. Staines	Lit., Lat., Fr., Hist., B.C., Geog., Chem., (Eng., Maths., Phys.).
A. R. Prowen	Eng., (Form 4).	V. G. Strevens	Eng., Fr., Art.
J. B. Rayer	Eng., Maths., Phys., (Form 4).	T. J. Sullivan	Fr., Hist., Geog., (Eng.).
J. F. Rowe	Lit., Lat., Fr., Hist., Geog., Phys., Chem., (Eng., Maths.).	J. J. Trawber	Eng. (Form 4).
C. Salmon	Fr., Geog., Phys., Chem., (Eng., Maths.).	G. F. Turney	Fr., Art., (Eng.).
D. G. Sankey	Lit., Lat., Fr., Hist., B.C., Geog., Chem., (Eng., Phys.).	J. B. Utting	Eng., Hist., B.C., Geog., (Form 4).
P. Schwenk	Lit., Lat., Fr., Hist., Geog., Phys., Chem., (Eng., Maths.).	J. F. Waite	Eng., Hist., Geog., Art.
V. Schwenk	Eng., (Form 4).	J. P. Wardrop	Fr., Hist., Geog.
A. J. Shea	Lit.	T. E. Weedon	Eng., Maths., (Form 4).
P. F. Shimell	Fr., Geog., Ad.M., Phys., (Eng., Maths.).	J. W. Whiting	Lit., Fr., Geog., Phys., (Eng.).
G. M. Sibley	Eng., (Form 4).	R. J. Williams	Geog., (Eng., Fr., Hist., B.C.).
A. K. Smith	Eng., B.C., (Hist., Geog., Art).	M. Wilshaw	Lat., Fr., Geog., Ad.M., Phys., Chem., (Eng., Maths.).
		J. L. Wood	Hist., B.C., Geog., Art., Maths., Phys., (Eng.).
		M. York	

Subjects in brackets were passed last year.

B.C. = British Constitution.

PRIZE LIST FOR 1961.

First, Second and Best Effort.

1A. S. Farrell, A. Kearns, J. Smullen.	3A. A. Tworkowski, I. Hamill, V. Roszkowski.
1a. P. Doran, W. Ashwick, P. Manktelow.	3a. B. Barrett, J. Egan, A. Beattie.
2A. P. Rayer, E. Urbanski, E. Madden.	4A. C. Carroll, B. Mossakowski, P. Duffy.
2a. J. Siemieniuch, M. Duffy, L. Rose.	4a. M. Gibbons, J. Rayer, D. Kennedy.

FORM V.

Religion, P. Schwenk.
 English, D. Sankey.
 French, K. Gregory.
 History, P. Schwenk.
 Geography, J. Poplett.
 Latin, L. Staines.
 Pure Maths., B. Baker.

Applied Maths., J. Wood.
 Chemistry, W. Haley.
 Biology, R. Lemon.
 Physics, S. Frank.
 Art, B. Hart.
 British Constitution, D. Sankey.
 Italian, J. Daldin.

"Br. Dunstan" Chemistry Prize: D. Penfold.

FORM VI.

Religion, J. Nella.
 English Literature, A. Gray.
 French, A. Gray.
 History, M. Murphy.
 Geography, R. Hewish.
 Pure Maths., J. Gilhooly.

Applied Maths., A. Greaves.
 Chemistry, J. Aldrich.
 Physics, P. Barry.
 Art, A. Brickwood.
 Italian, A. Gray.

First Year University Students.

P. Barry	University of Hull.	G. Mann	Isleworth Polytechnic.
J. Gmaj	University of Manchester.	P. Poplett	Manchester College of Commerce.
A. Greaves	University of Bristol.	P. Smith	University of Exeter.
T. Kenoy	University of Strathclyde.		

Old Boys' Cricket Prize: F. Hixson.

The School Captain, A. Gray, receives the Headmaster's Prize.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN"

Will parents please allow the Governors to precede them out of the hall.

The right of admission is strictly reserved to the Battersea Borough Council and the Hirer.

66. An article by the Editor During my research.....

*Whilst investigating the 1960s, I came across an article by "D. Macdonald" ..
..."ME".. so I thought I'd reprint it*

Scotty [Donald] Macdonald 1963 to 1972 - Since I left Clapham College in 1972 I thought I'd always remember my time there, it was not always a very happy place, looking back I was a little bemused by the education and some of the teachers, but the friends and laughs I thought would stay with me forever – I never questioned that – but over time one has to make an effort...

Clapham College 1970

My final years at Clapham in the 1970s were a really happy time, mixing with the teachers – being treated like adults, long hot summers & winters with proper snow, long hair, Levi's, Rock Music, and "World Health Meetings" [with the girl's schools]. Life was sweet. **Cecil Pocock** became Headmaster, and he made me School Captain; sitting A-Levels and planning for University became secondary goals compared to planning the School Disco, 1st XI football and Old Boys Football on Saturday afternoons. **Ernie Larkin** enticed me away from Clapham, the Nightingale, The Windmill and the Alex, and I was drawn to the Fellmongers Arms, the Temple Bar, the World Upside Down and Dun Cow around the Old Kent Road. There were occasional Heavy Rock nights in the Uplands Tavern or the Magdala in East Dulwich..... friends / parties and concerts at Colleges...

All this and my part-time early morning job at Marks & Spencer in Brixton led to thinking why leave London? The purchase of my first motor bike meant it was a London Uni for me, transport, p/t job, friends, music, Old Boys football.... why leave the place..??

Clapham Friends

After 25 years of Clapham football, Tours, a thousand games of "Stop" and a multitude of social events, different Clubhouses [although none ever touched Norbury – the Mecca of post match events] and drinking holes, I retired into my family and work.

The Chairman's Lunch became my only contact with those friends from the 60s and 70s [well not really - both my brothers-in-law **Kevin [Charlie] Bond** and **Richard [Tubby] Lucas**, my best-man **Mick [Blod] Grice** and my neighbours **Paul & Tim Hixson** and **John Boyd** are all Clapham College boys], but I never thought I'd ever lose my Clapham "roots".

67. A Concordia editor's view of the 1960s...continued...

Over the previous twenty years I've been to the odd event at Norbury, most Chairman's Lunches, done a few speeches, met up with the COXA Chelsea Supporters Wing [**Phil, Vic, Dave, Tom** et al] and far too many funerals.... sad, so sad.

Clapham / Old Boys Legacy

So I decided as I moved into semi-retirement the Old Boys were bound to want a 61 year-old-voluntary worker ... and surprise, surprise I was right.... after the latest Remembrance Day Service a truly solemn, yet great COXA Event, I popped down to Norbury for the Hall of Fame Evening and am meeting up with Frank Barretta in December to plan something for the Chairman's Lunch... what am doing – -good question [please don't tell the "other half"]

I have offered to help put together a "Legacy of the College and the Old Boys" so that someday soon anyone associated with Clapham can find information that they can relate to; information about friends and old classmates, possibly contact them again and meet up. I'd like ANY Clapham/COXA Memorabilia you have... photos are good, but information about yourself [see my pathetic attempt to construct my "Clapham Footprint"], tell me you Clapham stories, identify yourself by your House, your Years at Clapham [or with the Old Boys] – how you would like to be remembered then – what you are up to now [and where you are]. Add your profile to the Website –

BE AT THE CHAIRMAN'S LUNCH IN JANUARY 2023 AT THE UNITED SERVICES CLUB,

I have hundreds of Clapham & Old Boys stories – I am going to spend some time sorting out "fact" from "legend" where stories told over and over again [mainly prompted by **Colin Garvey**] have been hyped up to the point where I sometimes don't recognise some of them myself!

WE'D REALLY like you to join in....

The true Legacy of the Old Boys lies with the 500-odd current active members – but if each of you has three contacts from SW12 [or County Road] – that quickly swells to 2000. In the month of November this year, half a dozen old boys added something of interest to all / some of us on the Website... this needs to be more of us and then we need to interact with the Website .. even if it is to complain... at least we'll know there is some life out there in "COXALAND"!

68. The “monologue” of the editor of Concordia ...continued

The Chairman’s Lunch – Building the “Clapham Bible/Encyclopaedia”

We want everything you have on Clapham/COXA to fill the many gaps we have... many in the last 20 years... we need experiences.. photos and details .. so here goes...eg-

Scotty [Donald] Macdonald - **Canterbury “A” Clapham 1963/72 [Old Boys football 1969 to 1986]**

Clapham College Memory – has to be the Terry Clegg “incident” in the Old Washrooms [nothing sexual] and **Abercrombie** at the School Disco.

COXA Memories [sorry everyone is an essay] but I suppose Football Tours; being above reproach at “STOP” – [careful **Dave**]; **Derek Rowe, Stan Miller & Eamon Taggart** [R.I.P.], School 1st XI Cup Final Night at Norbury, scoring five times against Crusader Insurance, beating Sinjins 24-1 & Adeyans 2-1 [as we only had eight players], knowing **Dave Leathem & Wilson Bowers** [for different reasons]

Current COXA Contacts - As I stated earlier:- Chelsea “crew”, relations, **John Boyd** - we got drunk on whisky in my hot-tub, **Eric Tope, Bob James, Brian Sanders, Graham Hudson, Colin Garvey and Simon Cowdry** at the monthly Mushroom Club Meetings.

Ernie Larkin’s Wedding, a great COXA celebration



69. Anywhere Everywhere, Clapham Social Events

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If you haven't yet booked
for this social evening, please
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PAY ON THE NIGHT

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THE 1959 GENERAL CHAPTER DELEGATES VISIT THE HOLY FATHER
Most of you will recognize Brother Matthias (Provincial), second from the right, Brother Ambrose, extreme left, and of course
Brother Aloysius, our General Counsellor.

1960
Concordia

A PAPAL AUDIENCE

By Rev. Brother Aloysius, C.F.X.
(a General Counsellor in Rome)

Readers of "Concordia" would, I am sure, like to know what the Holy Father chatted about at the memorable audience he granted delegates to the 1959 General Chapter. Well, after each of us had kissed his ring, he sat on his throne and invited us to gather round him. It was just like a father among his children. He first of all wanted to know as much as possible about our Congregation and our work. He said that our very name "Brothers of St. Francis Xavier" brought back family memories and also his association with the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda Fide during the early twenties.

To impress upon us our influence as Brothers on our students he cited the example of his eldest brother, Xavier by name. He told us that his brother had been his godfather at Baptism and that it was he, who after his mother, taught him his prayers. He told us how Xavier would take him on his knee and call him "Little Angel" (Our Holy Father was christened Angelo Giuseppi). "Angelino", he would say, "life is short, death is certain"; and he made him repeat these words over and over again.

He told us that he had as a child a very nice picture of St. Francis Xavier which hung over his bed, and that when he left home to go to the seminary, he left this picture as an heirloom to his brothers and sisters. He also recalled his seminary days in Rome and said that he found a great devotion to St. Francis Xavier among the students there, a devotion which he himself has carried through life. He told us that we should be proud of our name. He said that he hoped we would send him sometime a history of our Congregation. He cracked several jokes in the course of the interview. Noting the mass of white hair on the head of Brother Ambrose, he referred to it as snow on the top of a high mountain. He was anxious to know the nationality of each one of us. He ended his chat with us by quoting the words of Genesis: "Increase and multiply".

At the end of the audience the Holy Father imparted his Apostolic Blessing to all the Chapter members, to all our Brothers in religion and to their dear ones, and all our students.

71. The 1962 football season - Concordia excerpt

After many rearrangements the 1st. X1 completed 15 out of their 22 matches.

1st. X1 Results

Played 22: Won 5: Drawn 2: Lost 8

The points gained gave a figure of 40.00 per cent. and the 1st. X1 finished 9th out of the 12 teams in Division 11 South.

Goalscorers: P. Brown 10, J. Murphy 8, L. Carpenter 7, J. Keenan 4, A. Amura 3, F. Hickson 3, P. Keenan 3.

The 2nd X1 had a very successful season and narrowly missed staking our first claim to a League title. Out of their 22 matches they were only able to play 14, but the final figures at the top of the Division are worth noting as the team was only just beaten on goal average:-

	P.	W.	D.	L.	GF.	GA.	PER CEN ^t
Old Sinjuns IV.	14	12	0	2	81	21	85.71
Clapham O.X. Res.	14	11	2	1	75	26	85.71

Goalscorers: Bell 12, Pinsent 12, Cain 10, Lewis 6, P. Keenan 5, Walsh 5, Gamber 4, Leeder 4, Breslin 3, Dixon 3, Whelan 3, Spivak 2, J. Keenan 1, McGowan 1, o.g. 4.

Of the total number of unplayed games already mentioned, at least a half dozen were 3rd. X1 friendly games. This was particularly disappointing since our first venture at running three sides was progressing well and several games had been played before the bad weather set in.

For the coming season the League has shuffled around many teams to admit new entrants into a 5th. Division, so much of the opposition will be stronger. We are hoping to continue running the 3rd. X1 as it is expected there will be strong competition for places in the first two teams.

D. H. Rowe.

72 Clapham Old Boys Social events [1963]

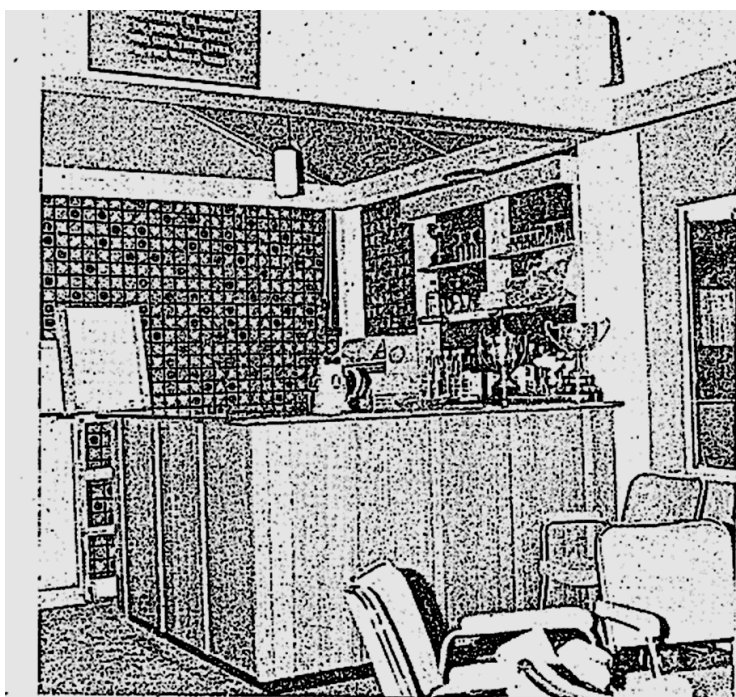
The annual Dinner and Dance this year was again held at the Eccleston Hotel and 100 people attended the dinner. The menu was up to the usual high standard which we have come to expect from the Eccleston and everyone had a very enjoyable evening. Brother Peter's speech was as witty as usual, but we were all very disappointed that Brother Dunstan was unable to be with us due to a last minute illness.

A little later in the year we had a dance in the College gymnasium, with the Goldsmiths jazz band in attendance. This was attended mainly by the Fifth and Sixth Formers of the College, neighbouring youth Clubs and the more energetic of the Old Boys. We hope to have another, even more successful, dance in the gym. next year.

Last year's Autumn Dance was held at the Park Tavern, Mitcham Lane, and was well attended. The fact that we drank the hotel out of draught bitter early in the evening was unfortunate, to say the least, but they have promised to provide an adequate supply for this year's dance. Please make a note of the venue and date now - Park Tavern, Mitcham Lane, on Saturday, 9th November.

The Dinner and Dance will be held at the Eccleston Hotel, Victoria, on Saturday, 15th February, 1964.

The new Bar at Norbury too over a decade to complete. It was constructed in the few free hours that a handful of Old Xaverians could piece together to build the it. Norbury became the hub for footballing and cricketing members, and in the 70s and 80s fabulous social events were held too there. It would have been nice to see how many pints [and jugs] were sold after Tues training and on a Saturday night.



The new bar at Norbury. Soccer trophies can be seen on the counter.

73. The Chairman's Report but which one? 1964

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Perhaps the most important event in a busy year, particularly to that generation of Old Boys now approaching what is euphemistically described as middle age, was the informal opening of the Clubhouse at Norbury on Boxing morning. The structure has been complete for some time; final touches were put to the heating and lighting, and due to the good offices of Freddy Baldwin, the legal formalities were completed in time for the annual football match between the Cricketers and Footballers, to be followed by the imbibing of some legally saleable liquor. No speeches, no ceremonies, but perhaps it was fitting that the first pint of draught beer drawn in the Clubhouse should be handed to, and consumed by, Brother Dunstan. This must indeed, have been a proud moment for Maurice Ward, since, although he would be the first to admit the help which he has received, the guiding hand and the perseverance over many years of frustration has been his. More recently, a plaque has been placed on the wall of the Clubhouse commemorating its building, and recording the fact that it was erected as a memorial to all Old Xaverians who gave their life during the two World wars. This splendid example of craftsmanship is entirely the work of Tony Brinn.

Borrowing an excellent idea from "another place," we have started, with the approval of the Annual General Meeting last year, a system of Associate Membership. Briefly it works thus: the parents of all first year boys are invited to become Associate Members of the Association. They may exercise this privilege for the normal five years that their son is at the College, and they are invited to pay a subscription during their son's tenure of a place at Clapham. At the conclusion of the boy's education, he automatically becomes a member of the Association for five years without any further payment on his part. The results so far are heartening—twenty-five parents of boys in last year's first year, took part in the scheme. That the scheme has got off the ground at all, is due, almost exclusively to the hard work which has been put in by Brother Christopher, who, as was briefly mentioned in Concordia last year, consented to be co-opted on to the Committee of the Association specifically to assist us in implementing

FOOTBALL REPORT

A highly successful 1963-4 season has brought its rewards of promotion in the League, and Cup competition football for the first time for the Old-Boys' teams. Also for the first time, with the commencement of the new season, there is a 3rd XI entered in the League, in order that all players will get a regular game each week.

Starting off last year with a rebuilt team, the 1st XI played brilliantly throughout, and finished up with the great record of being beaten only once—and that, narrowly, 1-2—in 25 League and friendly matches. The following comparison shows the nearest challenger to our winning Division Two (South) of the Old-Boys' League:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	GF.	GA.	Pts.
Clapham Old Xaverians ...	18	15	2	1	111	26	32
Old Salesians Reserves ...	18	10	4	4	63	47	24

Goal scorers: L. Carpenter 28, A. Amura 23, F. Hixson 20, J. McGuire 16, W. Pepper 14, P. Leeder 3, J. Howard 2, E. Smyth 2, P. Brown 1, P. MacDermott 1, o.g. 1.

The Divisional Winner's trophy will be presented to us at the League's Annual Supper on 29th October.

In playing some very strong sides in friendly matches, the 1st XI had an equally impressive record:

Played 7, won 6, drawn 1, lost 0, GF 42, GA 10.

A fitting climax to the season was an exciting and enjoyable afternoon at the Royal Exchange Assurance Six-a-Side Tournament. It was immediately after the War that this knock-out competition was started, at a time when the C.O.X.F.C. was struggling along without its own ground, because Norbury was still being used for allotments. We were very friendly with the R.E.A., as many of our players used to play as guests for them when they were short, and we ourselves were only running one, or occasionally two sides in friendly matches. They invited us to enter a team in their new tournament, and on that occasion just eight clubs competed. We continued to participate for many years, but eventually dropped out because we were never really up to the standard of the competition. This year it was different, however, and after nearly a decade's absence we sent along a team at a moment's notice, to make up the number of 24 entrants. The following report appeared in The A.F.A. Record:

"The elements contributed to the success of the eighteenth Six-a-Side Tournament, which attracted the usual gathering; 75 per cent of the entrants were old boys' clubs, and some of the more fancied of them were quickly elimin-

75. COXA Footballer success



THE 1st TEAM, 1963-64, WINNERS OF DIVISION II (S).

Standing: E. Smyth, M. Magee, J. Keenan, J. Howard, P. Leeder, J. McGuire, F. Hixson.

Sitting: A. Amara, W. Pepper, C. Luke (Captain), L. Carpenter. Not in picture, J. Gavigan.

nted. As against this, Clapham Old Xaverians, who only came in as substitutes for Old Malvernians, put up a fine show. They actually led Old Foresters 3-0 at half-time in the final, but the latter fought back and drew 4-4. Foresters were adjudged the winners as a result of securing one corner in addition to their four goals. The proceedings did not terminate with the presentation of the tankards, as, following tea, a move was made for the bar, where a long session was enjoyed by all in keeping with A.F.A. traditions."

The 2nd XI, likewise, had a very successful season, topping the Division Four (S.) table for most of the year, until they ended up in third place—pushed down by the late determined efforts of the challengers. Their overall performance during the season merited promotion, and this has fortunately been brought about by a reconstitution of the higher divisions of the League.

Results: Played 18, won 12, drawn 1, lost 5, GF 91, GA 44, Pts. 25. Goal scorers: M. Murphy 24, H. Pinsent 14, P. MacDermott 12, P. Brown 8, K. Cooney 6, A. Coletta 5, P. Dixon 4, F. Hixson 4, R. Lewis 4, P. Whelan 3, T. Fitzgerald 2, F. Walsh 2, W. Pepper 1, J. McGuire 1, o.g. 1.

76. Clapham Old Xaverians Committee 1967

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Some Legendary names in the 1967 Committee

C.O.X.A. CRICKET, 1968

The 1968 season has been a successful one for Clapham Old Xaverians. Despite the weather, which washed out five fixtures, eleven games were completed, of which we lost only one.

Any prizes for the outstanding performances should go, without any hesitation, to "Dusty" Miller for batting, and Tony Steward for bowling. After an uncertain start, "Dusty" hit top



In 1968 seventeen sixth formers left the College to continue their higher education. GERRY BYRNE and DANNY DOYLE are now at St. Mary's Training College. PETER WHITE is studying medicine at King's College Hospital and GEORGE GORNACZ is studying medicine at Guy's Hospital. KEIR EADY, WORJCIECH PAPROCKI, LAWRENCE ROSE and JERZY SIEMIENIUCH are all studying Mathematics at Chelsea College of Advanced Technology. JOHN FREDDI is studying Mathematics at the University of Sheffield. ANTHONY PINK and PETER RAYER are both at the London School of Economics. Anthony is studying Economics and Peter is studying Mathematics. KEVIN BARNAVILLE, GERRY CROWLEY and RICHARD DZIEDZIC are all studying Architecture: Kevin at the University of Surrey; Gerry at Kingston College of Advanced Technology and Richard at the University College, Cardiff. MICK DUFFY is now at Clare College, Cambridge. MICHAEL HARWOOD is studying Computer Science at Hatfield College of Technology and EDWARD URBANSKI is taking Business Studies at Mid-Cheshire Technical College.

78. An angry letter from an Old Xaverian to the Chairman

11A The Grange,
Wimbledon, S.W.19.

2nd November 1967


Dear Mr. Martin,

I am sorry that I was not at the A.G.M. as I hoped that we should have heard something of the future of the College. I see from the Press that in spite of the change of management at County Hall, the College will become a comprehensive school in the not too distant future.

I have hoped that something would have emanated from the Association in protest against converting our noble school into a spawn of the Socialist State but unless something did come out at the A.G.M. it does seem that the Association has been strangely silent on the subject. There may be some Old Boys who support the change but I feel that there must be many who like myself see the destruction of a Public School in the name of progress. The Brothers whatever their feelings may be on the matter can do little, but is the voice of the Association not to be heard? I should have thought that a referendum on the proposed change could have been carried out.

If, however, the Association proposes to accept things as they will be I must with great regret resign in protest as I am utterly opposed to the substitution of Public and Grammar School by state-controlled educational 'factories'. I would also suggest that the Association cease to make any contributions to the College Building Fund and in place send money to the Brothers to enable them to continue their wonderful work elsewhere overseas if necessary.

Yours sincerely,


W.E.R. Chamberlain

By 1967, the decision had been made to change Clapham College from a Grammar School into a Comprehensive school. This was to do with politics and funding. Clapham had to carry this through and although some individuals were unhappy, here was no way anyone could prevent it. A new school and more boys.

79. The Boys of the 1960s

In the next section are a series of names from the 1960s, they will be intermingled with boys from the 50s and 70s, such is the royal mix of the Clapham Old Xaverians. After a while we all forget who was in our class, our Year, even our decade. I hope the "Boys of the Sixties" shine through on the following pages, they were the injection of "life", and numbers, the Club needed.

PROGRAMME

Part Songs. CHOIR.

Skye Boat Song
The Flight of the Earls (Irish)
Gloria in Excelsis Deo
Choral Reading

arranged Stathan.
arranged G. Shaw.
Thiman
Form 4a.

THE PLAY TOO MUCH MONKEY

by
E. M. Fotheringham

Characters

Professor Peter Verynighoffit, A Scientist	Martin Couch	} Form 1A
The Rev. Frederick Bacon, Rector of Swallownest	Charles Wright	
Sims	{ Boys who are being	...	Neil Fee	
Barlow		coached by the Rector	Raymond Stanbridge	
Thompson	Jeremy Hickey	
Bob Crabtree, an old farm labourer	Shaun Farrell	

(The action of the play takes place in the study at Swallownest Rectory on an August morning.)
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Piano Solo.

Waltz in Db.
S. J. TOYNE Form 3a

Chopin

Part Songs.

Il Etait Une Bergere (French Folk Song)
My Way's Cloudy (Negro Spiritual)
Bobby Shafto

arranged G.S.
arranged Sowande.
arranged Rowley.

The Play is Produced by Brother Christopher.

The Music is Directed by Mr. Smith.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS.

	1961-62.	1962-63.
<i>School Captain.</i>	Michael Meade	Anthony Gray
<i>House Captains.</i>		
Canterbury	A. Assirati	L. Snaith
Charterhouse	B. Schwenk	B. Campbell
Glastonbury	A. Cleather	R. Hewish
Walsingham	T. Keenoy	T. Ashton
<i>Games Captains.</i>		
Athletics	M. Meade	J. Nella
Cricket	R. Benson	B. Campbell
Football	A. Gray	A. Gray

80. Teamsheets from the 1960s

CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

Team Sheet No. 22. For matches to be played on
Saturday, 2nd March, 1968.

K.O. 3. 15 p.m.

1st. XI. v LEYTON C.O.B. (League)

Directions: Meet Oval Station,
1.15 p.m. sharp.

AWAY. Grange Farm Sports Centre,
Chigwell (nearest station is
Chigwell; cross road and No.10 bus
to Grange Farm).

CORRIGAN

MAGEE GRAY FITZPATRICK POWER

O'SHAUGHNESSY SMYTHE MCGUIRE

BROWN PROCTOR FULKER

2nd. XI.

NO MATCH THIS WEEK

3rd. XI.

NO MATCH THIS WEEK

IF UNABLE TO PLAY, 'PHONE IMMEDIATELY:-

1st. XI. - Eugene Smyth - 670 1896

RESULTS: for last Saturday, 24th February:-

1st. XI. v Old Edmontonians (League) Away. Lost 2-3. Smith 2

2nd. XI. v Old Thontonians (League) Home. Won 5-1. Simpson 1, Proctor 1, Fulker 3.

3rd. XI. v Old Tiffinians IV (League). Won 11-1. Condon 3, Higgins 3, Pursent 2,
Roszkowski 2, Rodrick-Jones 1.

Three "hat-tricks" this weekend - Tiffinians got absolutely hammered

81. Another COXA team sheet and 1968 goal scorers

CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

Team Sheet No.12. For matches to be played on
Saturday, 30th November, 1968.

K. O. 3 p.m.

1st.XI. v Old Strandians. (League). AWAY. At Tattenham Way Rec-
reation Ground, Banstead. (To the end of road oppo-
site "Whentehof Hotel".)

DIRECTIONS: Meet Balham Station,
1.30 pm sharp.

Cerrigan
Magee Gray Fitzpatrick Garvey
Amara Smyth Keenan
Carpenter McGuire Precter

2nd.XI. v Old Strandians Res. (League). HOME. At Reschill.

WHITE SHIRTS

WHITE SHIRTS

DIRECTIONS: Meet Balham Station,
1.45 p.m.

Utting
Caletta O'Shaughnessy Cleather Powell
Crewley J. Murphy Brown
Simpson Stafford Fulker

WHITE SHIRTS

WHITE SHIRTS

3rd.XI. v Old Wokingians V. (League). HOME. At Reschill.

DIRECTIONS: Meet Balham Station,
1.45 p.m.

Hart
Conden Mansi Power Federick-Jones
Pryke Reszkowski Judge
Harris Pinsent Higgins

RESERVES to contact Brian Sanders: Shorthall, Brennan, King, Hughes,
Rifugiate.

THE END OF NOVEMBER was the date fixed (and widely announced)
when the Old Boys were to be picked for football WHO HAD NOT PAID
THEIR OLD BOYS' SUBSCRIPTION for this year.

There is still a number who have not paid. Please do so without
further delay.

(£1 or 12/6d. for under 21's or students. You may also care to
add the 10/- football sub. at the same time.)

GOAL SCORERS (League Matches):-

1st.XI. - Amara 4, McGuire 3, Precter 3, Fulker 1, Keenan 1,
Smyth 1.

2nd.XI. - Fulker 10, Simpson 6, Stafford 4, Brown 3, J. Murphy 3,
Crewley 2, Cenner 1, McGuire 1, O'Shaughnessy 1,
V. Reszkowski 1, e.g. 2.

3rd.XI. - Harris 6, Higgins 5, Judge 4, King 4, V. Reszkowski 3,
Pinsent 3, Barrett 2, M. Reszkowski 2, Whelan 2, Mansi 1,
Rifugiate 1.

82. Football Teamsheet Jan 1969 - another Alan Fulker hat-trick

CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

Team Sheet No.19. Formatches to be played on
Saturday, 18th January, 1969.
K.O. 3 p.m.

1st.XI. v Old Addeyans. (League). HOME. At Rosehill.

DIRECTIONS: Hart
Meet Balham Magee Gray Smyth Garvey
Station, 1.45p.m. Amara Coletta Keenan
Smith McGuire Proctor

2nd.XI. v Old Dorkinians Res. (League). AWAY. At Pixham Lane,
Dorking.

DIRECTIONS: Corrigan
Meet Balham Power O'Shaughnessy Cleather Powell
Station, 1.15p.m. Brown J. Murphy Roszkowski
Simpson Fulker Crowley
Reserves: M. Murphy.
Leader.

3rd.XI. v John Fisher O.B. IV. (League). AWAY. At Limperfield Rd.,
Worthington, Surrey.

DIRECTIONS: Meade
Meet Roderick-Jones Pepper Mansi Brennan
Balham Stn., Fryke Pinnent King
1.30 p.m. sharp. Whelan Harris Higgins
RESERVES to 'phone Brian Sanders: Barrett, Condon, Hughes,
Rifugiato, Shortall, Stafford.

Last Saturday's RESULTS:-

1st.XI. v Old Sedscopians. (League). Away. Won 2-1. Carpenter,
C. Smith.
2nd.XI. v Old Cheyennas Res. (League). Home. Won 4-3. Fulker 3,
M. Murphy.
3rd.XI. v Old Cheyennas 111. (League). Home. Drawn 4-4. Whelan 2,
Harris, Higgins.

IF UNABLE TO PLAY, PLEASE 'PHONE IMMEDIATELY:-

1st.XI. - Tony Amara - EMF 5723
2nd.XI. - John Mansi - 274 4730
3rd.XI. - Brian Sanders - NEW 4430

Mick
Will you PLEASE

The Team sheets are a wealth of information for Old Xaverians and for the Archives. They show schoolboys rising to the First XI & the 1st XI players gradually dropping down the sides, but sticking with the Club, the experience of these MEN for the boys was im-

CLASS REPORTS

FORM ONE.

One dark morning, a lifetime ago, in a black week, in a black September, I got on a bus.

"Thrup'ny 'all, please."

"There y'are, son."

"Ta."

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—so enlarge

I got off the bus at Clapham South Station, walked down Nightingale Lane, and turned left into the school. I stood with my mates from the old school, gazed at incessantly by the "two's" who had no doubt been subjected to the same experience the year before. So this was Clapham College!

The bell rang. Then we saw a man dressed in black; he was our headmaster. He took us into the playground and put us into our different forms. We wondered how long our destiny was to be tied up with him. Before he brought us into the brownish, prison-like building we had a last look at freedom. It did look rather peaceful and calm - birds chirping, flowers in bloom and the grass green. We glanced around again before we entered - prisoners for five hours a day. Freedom had passed us by. We were guilty of being just twelve years old.

As time went by, my colleagues became individuals to me. Frasca had a reputation for asking irrelevant questions: if the chemistry master was talking about filtration he would ask what an atom bomb is made of. P. Clarke never refrained from combing his hair and discussing "Mods," and Paul Griseri's eccentricities amazed all the boys and most of the masters. The Annual school play, "Macbeth," was very successful, with Tom Verney in the title role. In the Old Boys' draw, McGrath's sister won a plum pudding. Another incident springs to mind: it was after football one Friday afternoon and we were down in the changing-rooms, when Mr Kidd, the chemistry teacher, walked in with a gun - he had come, armed, to investigate the noise.

We quickly settled down to this new life, but we were deeply shocked and grieved by the death of Paul Denson, who was to have been in our form. After a few weeks Mister Marshall thought we were mature enough to elect a form football captain; P. Clarke is able to use the title. Our humour is parveyed for us by the unique Kopirczek. And last of all there was an annual film produced by the Film Society named, "I'm All Right Jack." All who wished to see it payed one shilling and we all felt that we had value for money. Then after four months of involuntary exertion we had our Christmas holiday.

P. BOGDANO WICZ, P. GRISERI,
M. McGRATH, J. REID, R. WESTCOTT, IA.

84. Award of Colours - 1964 I think

Award of Colours.

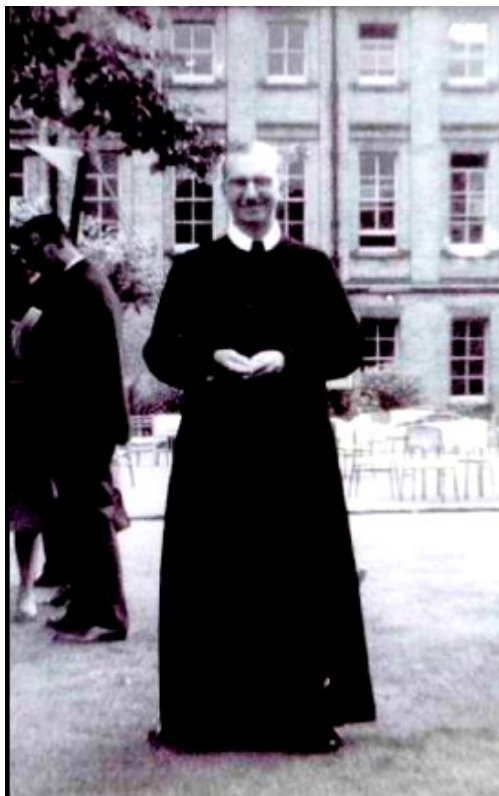
Cricket. R. Benson, A. Gray, A. Coletta, A. Shea.
 Football. A. Gray, M. Meade, J. Howard, R. Cox-Horton, L. Snaith.
 Athletics. M. Meade, R. Cox-Horton, A. Devlin, P. Schwenk.

HIGHER RELIGIOUS CERTIFICATE.

J. Aldrich	J. Gavigan	R. Hewish	P. Poplett
T. Ashton	J. Gilhooly	R. Jackson	D. Romaine
P. Barry	A. Gray	G. Mann	A. Shea
J. Felzmann	A. Grudzinski	M. Murphy	L. Snaith

SCHOOL RELIGIOUS CERTIFICATE.

W. Barrett	P. Gagliani	C. Lay	M. O'Mahoney
R. Best	P. Gallagher	J. Leahy	R. O'Malley
A. Brickwood	J. Griffin	R. Lemon	D. O'Shea
B. Campbell	I. Hamill	H. McCole	J. O'Shea
M. Cannon	J. Haynes	M. McCormak	M. Scates
A. Chmura	G. Heady	M. McDonough	D. Seradi
A. Coletta	M. Hemsley	M. McGrath	T. Sheahan
J. Connor	G. Hillier	G. Mohan	A. Smith
M. Coughlan	F. Hixson	S. Montanjees	J. Sullivan
B. Crisp	D. Hoare	M. Moriarty	T. Verney
J. Daldin	D. Hurworth	J. Nella	P. Whelan
M. Emerson	J. Keane	M. Newman	M. Wilshaw
C. Fisher	J. Kidd	R. O'Brien	R. Wynard
A. Fletcher	M. Lawless	K. O'Connor	B. Yeoman



I put **Brother Peter** in here as his Headship dominated the 1960s. He was a graduate teacher of English and a "Child of the Raj". I have never met anyone like him before, or since, the quintessential Englishman. He was the Jacob Rees-Mobb of Clapham College [but a real one - not a fraud]. I mean "Hello Johnny".....John Pointon, Headmaster at Clapham 1955 to 1970 [RIP 1986] - buried in the Family Plot in Manchester. He was a real Class Act.

From here are the teachers who taught me in the 1960s - I'm claiming them for my decade.

85. Two teachers from the USA - Br. Felan, who replaced Br Peter & Mr Lee who replaced Cecil.



86. John Gibb and Mr "Gobbo" Smith



A mixture of teachers here at Tooting Bec Track - dressed for the occasion. - look carefully



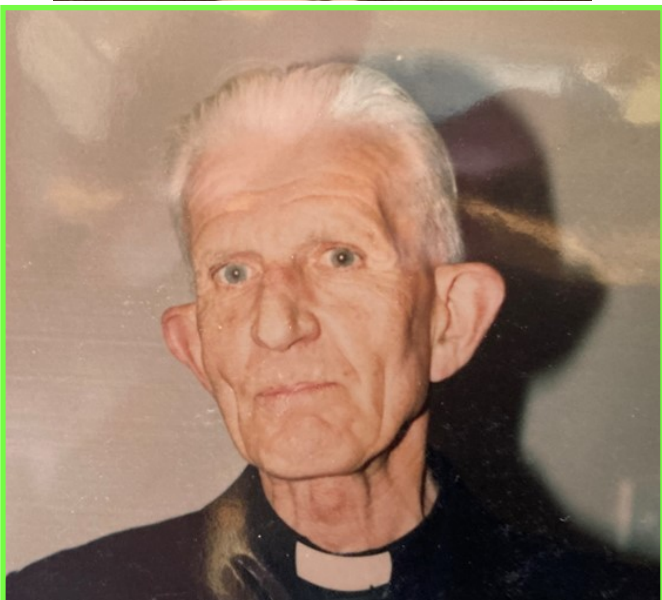


88. Brother Christopher [my hero] no good photo and Bill Blight [frightening]

250	Br. Christopher	Edward Hazlehurst.
	Born May 21, 1908 Manchester	Rec'd habit March 19, 1930
Father: Edward	Baptised 1908 English Martyrs, Manch.	Professed 19.3.1932; 19.3.1935
Mother: Anne (Hartley)	Entered at Deeping	9.9.1929
	Transferred from Deeping to Mayfield	3.10.1929
	" " Mayfield to Deeping	4.12.1929
	" " Deeping to Mayfield	27.4.1931
	" " Mayfield to Deeping	
	" " Deeping to Mayfield	19.3.1932.
	" " Mayfield to Brighton	9.1940
	" " Brighton to Fochunt	9.1947.
	Clapham (studies at St. Mary's T.T.C.)	1958-1960
	Clapham College Staff	1960-1975
	(resided at Scholasticate in Twickenham 1970-75)	
	Manchester	1975
	Died March 10, 1988 at Alexian Brothers Nursing Home, Moston	



89. Finally, Terry, Alex, Brian, Jock, Amby and Bill Kidd - What would we have done without ?



90. Pen Pictures of “other” boys of the Sixties

The Pioneers - pastures new...

Robert Murphy, **Connecticut USA**, Thomas Cullen emigrated to **Australia** with his parents, **Patrick Martin** thought to have emigrated to **Australia**, **Chris & Noel Curran** [talented footballers] emigrated to **Canada**, **Pat Furey** [winner of Latin & History prizes 1972, lecturing & living in **Toronto Canada**, **Martin McGrath** [brother of legendary **Big Mike**, lived and taught in **Australia** [recently RIP] – tragic, **Peter McDermott** [Opus Dei] taught Maths in **Nairobi**, don't know if **Sean Logue** emigrated, but apparently he was the shortest goalie in **Europe** [how do they know this stuff?], **Peter Kirby**, Lunch keynote speaker **Montreal Canada**, author and lawyer [or is it lawyer/author]..either way – successful, **Peter Siwecki**, very intelligent!, President of Students Union, emigrated to **Switzerland**, **Mark Roszkowski**, free scoring centre forward followed the hippy trail to **India**, now “social-working in the “West”, **Paul Zazzi**, ran a Betting Shop, then emigrated to teach in **Australia**, **Gerry Salmon** [Head Boy] BA Steward, owned a vineyard in **Canada**, emigrated back to live near **Wilson Bowers**, **Charlie Efford** lived in **New Zealand** [brother was MP for Eltham], **Danny Doyle** taught In **France**, Deputy Head St Teresa, he too ran a betting office and was a COXA Committee member, **John Egan** lived in **the USA**, **Sean McConnell** recently moved to **Portugal**, **Edward Urbanski** cruelly nicknamed "Big Ears" moved to **Pwllheli North Wales**, but not until after he'd beaten **Wilson Bowers** into 2nd Place in the end of year exams, **Bob Speight** [from 1963 moved from Biggin Hill to **Thailand** both had nearby airports?] **Tadaius Ciechanowicz**, “Big Chez”, spent time in the **West Indies**, **Ridge Kevin** moved to Ennis in **Ireland**

The Pious - the Church for them!

James Hay, celebrated a Remembrance Sunday Mass for the Old Boys in the Chapel, Dad owned a fish and chip “empire” [wrote a piece in Concordia a while back on...“Fish & Chips”].

Michael Chandler, Clapham in late sixties [Alpha & Charterhouse], ended up chaplain at St Thomas the Apostle for a while, excellent pianist.

Canon Jim Cronin, a loyal Xaverian, “handshaker of “Popes” and still a rock fan.

Padre O’Sullivan, he left Clapham for a seminary was an “Alphas” in the 60s – that’s all we know.

Probably the most pious of them all, **Deacon Mick Carrucan**, [who’d have thought it from this roofer and footballer/runner], still residing in Tooting Bec.

91. Footballers & Committee Members from the 1960s

The Xaverian Committee

Dave Leathem, legend and longest-ever serving Chairman of the Association, **Eddie O'Brien** [Chairman COXA] probably the hardest working, loyalist and most Catholic of all Committee Members [and guardian of that Norbury pitch], **Brendan Williams**, Chairman and Auditor of COXA, International Banker, free-shoring and shortest centre forward of the COXA First XI – lived in the Bungalow at Norbury, “Bren-burgers” and created the charity “Building for Heroes”, **Scotty** [editors, membership, rambler, archivist], **Seamus Burke**, COXA Treasurer, goalkeeper, cricketer, smoker cricket tour legend – sorely missed RIP 2014, **Frank Murphy** – COXAN Editor in the 1970 [remember that folded publication], all round good guy, worked for the Watford Sun, **Vic Roszkowski**, another Editor [Clapper this time], loyal Xaverian, free scoring centre-forward [as was his brother Mark] Captain Charterhouse, “in most photos of Xaverians”, but then he never misses a COXA event.

The Footballers

I realise that many mentioned above were footballers too, but these form a “tidy group”

Tom McLoughlin scorer of the best and most important COXA goal of all time, spent an entire keynote speech at a Lunch sharing that goal with the Association, 1st XI Captain, moved to Bristol [early on] but COXA drew him back, brother of the possibly more famous **Mick McLoughlin**, captain, centre-back, left footed genius, probably the most obvious omission on the COXA wall, organiser of COXA Battlefield Tours, **Paul West** [left footed], well, left footed, left back, BA steward, flew in regularly from Rio to turn out for the 3rd XI, **Kevin [Charlie] Bond**, a COXA powerhouse in midfield – the “hardest Xaverian on the planet, taught at Clapham College, big fan of Casius Clay, **Richard [Tubby] Lucas**, defender with some of the longest hair ever worn by a COXA footballer, another of Scotty’s Brothers-in-Law, **Paul Hixson**, another of the “Beckenham Set”, free scoring centre forward, could have been a professional footballer, amassed hundreds of COXA goals, **Tim Hixson** another Hixson centre forward and scorer of great goals, **Joe McElligott** fabulous footballer, went onto semi-professional football as a player and later as a coach and manager, **Paul Davis**, handsome and brave centre forward put his head in when others put their “boots”, **Mick Collins** spent life in the Lower Leagues, but amassed hundreds of goals, good in the air, **Andy Morrison** was the typical “greedy” centre forward who played for the 4th 5th and 6th XIs – always scored, **Ernie Larkin** legend, witty, speedy and scored a bagful of goals, he loved scoring, and the occasional pint, **Eamonn Taggart** scored a hatful of goals, captained COXA teams, organiser of events, singer, popular lad again died far too young. Amongst all these goals, the defenders could be missed, it was always the goal-scorers [name on the score-board at Norbury] who got the glory! Let’s not forget, **David Murtagh OBE** huge Palace fan, “wand” of a left foot, “Big” **Mick McGrath**, **Brian Baker**, and the goalkeepers **Budgie Coyne**, [now a solicitor/farmer – yes farmer – of animals!] **John Boyd** and **Tim Kelly** – ran out of time for the midfield, but you know who you are!

92. Some more “Bright Boys” of the 1960s,

The “Egg Heads”

[In no particular order – “you” can rank order if you wish]

These are the boys who main attribute was their intelligence, a real mixture of skills and specialisms here.....

Kevin Appleford, left in 1969, 1st Class Hon. [Maths Imperial College, then research at Leicester, **Dr Peter White**, left in 1968 studied medicine at Kings College, London, **Andrew Tworkowski**, [Canterbury] did PhD at Trinity College Camb. Was a member of the Maths Association, studied Atomic Physics. **Head Boys - Pat O’Connor**, [Canterbury] **Martin Couche** Head Boy 1969, **Brian Baker** [had to leave early to join Imperial College, Head Boy, powerful tackler, violent batsman, [Charterhouse, died very young], **Trevor Jones** – Charterhouse 1972 {Head Boy Br. Dunstan Science Prize, Imperial College, **Jan Luba**, brilliant brain, now a High Court Judge! Was at Clapham in the sixties and **Head Boy** in the 70s, Headmasters Prize for Special Services to the School 1975 – Walsingham. **Richard Harris** another brilliant boy, now on Government “Think Tank”, **Head Boy** in the 70s, Professor of the Business School at Durham University. Even the brightest boys make friends for life here are three boys still together after 50 years, **Martin Atkinson** **Martin Farrell** and **Adam Kondziela** they appeared on the TV Quiz Show “Eggheads” under the Clapham Old Boys Banner.



Grundniewicz Chris

W.Paprocki & P. Trawber, sorry no first names but were in first place 1A and 1Alpha in 1961 - bright “starters” - how did they develop?



Colin Murtagh must have been bright because he was awarded the **Paul Golmich Scholarship** - Chartered Institute of Insurance, and was seconded from Commercial Union, maybe the “retired insurers” can help? **Steve Frost** and **Dr Alan White** became dentists and highly successful [ask **Colin Garvey**] have you ever seen a “dim” or poor dentist ..think not! Only have an initial again, but **Peter Fidczuk**, got the Maths prize in 1972. He is now the International Baccalaureate's Development and Recognition Manager for the UK and Ireland, In this role Peter is the IB's point of contact for universities and schools in these countries. Peter is also the University Officer for the IB Schools & Colleges Association of UK and Ireland (IBSCA) supporting IB schools. **Mick Duffy**, cricket legend, Clare College Cambridge, brilliant at Maths, adored **Bill Blight**. **Chris Grundniewicz** PhD brilliant worked on IT North Sea Oil, 1st Class Hons Trinity College.



93. And to conclude the last dozen of my 1960s boys

And now for something completely different –a small group from the “Sixties” with different reasons for fame...

Barry Byrne - Altercation with **Bill Blight** in the History Exam [didn't he know?]

Brendan Kearns [Canterbury] can you believe it - Choirmaster at St Anselms

David Hillier - good bloke, COXA events, loyal Xaverian, why is he in this “mixed bag” there? “Hiller's Leap” [in the Belltower Stairwell] He fell over the banister rail in the stairwell and walked away to tell the tale.

Stephen Schwenk of the famous Schwenk family, [genius] graduate at the LSE ended up teaching at St Joseph's Beulah Hill..another loyal Xaverian.

John Bright [good start] Walsingham was one of Cecil Pocock’s favourites got paid for car washing etc.....

Anthony “A.J. Kennedy moved Cambridge, great sportsman, Won COXA "Superstars" Competition and was seen on TV in Police Training series.

David Wiltshire Charterhouse - expelled in 1968 [the only one I can find]

Julian, “Jules” Carter - Talented Musician [own band] published albums.

Gerry Morrison [Walsingham] Sporting encyclopaedia. Joined the BBC and became a racing expert. Now freelancing. His memory on horse-racing is legend as is the list of celebrities on his “I’ve met” list.

Henry [Harry] Murlowski, Very, bright boy, easily led by others. Got into the punk scene. Married and living in California - flying airplanes.



90. We move onto the 1970s, Editor and Chairman [Scotty and "ginger" Mad Boy] share a laugh!



Committee Dinner; [young COXA Reps at Greek Restaurant in Balham] Wilson was Social Sec!



The “Swinging Sixties” boys arriving at Clapham saw the world and London going through rapid change and horizons opened up for the boys of SW12.

The Exam results got better and better, more boys went to University from the College than ever before. They travelled the world and some through there talents made extraordinary lives and careers. Many became very, very wealthy and yet the “common theme” continued; they remained loyal to Clapham Old Xaverians. They stayed on in numbers; one cricket team became three; three football teams grew to NINE [with disappointed players who were selected as “reserves”].

Many of the “Boys of the 1960s” served on the COXA Committee, several still do. My decade finally killed of the COXA Dinner and Dance and the Chairman’s Lunch grew to 200 plus diners, filling the England Suite at the Foster’s Oval. They went large numbers on football tours and joined COXA Motor Rallies and Mayfield Picnics. I think their biggest attribute was to bring innovation to Clapham in changing times.

Being the College Archivist I have read Concordias stretching back over 70 years and always there was the predicted demise of Clapham Old Xaverians. The several times we were going to lose Norbury, our sporting “Mecca”. Then the building of the new Comprehensive School, the amalgamation with St Gerard’s, the loss of the College to the Sixth Form College and the move to Battersea, the dwindling numbers until the College finally closed meant the Old Xaverians would die too. Well, what do you know Membership is 350 today and many of those Boys of the 1960s are still members. They purchase merchandise, go on ramble, still visit Norbury and attend Mass at the Chapel ,,and well, at the Lunch..... Surely decade of decades...unless