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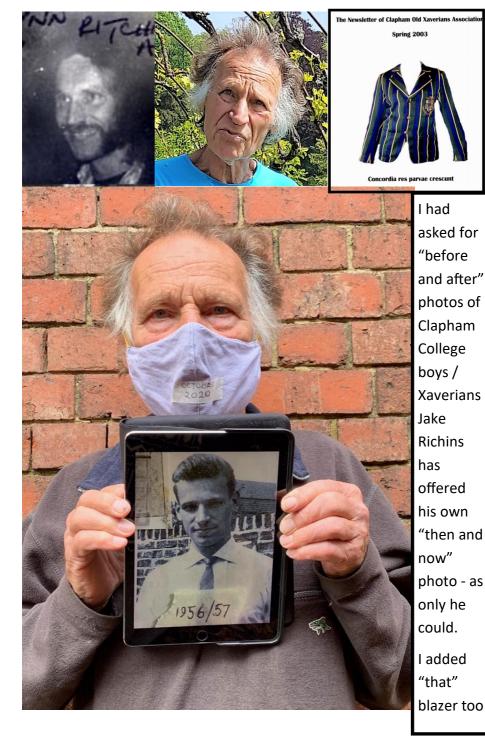
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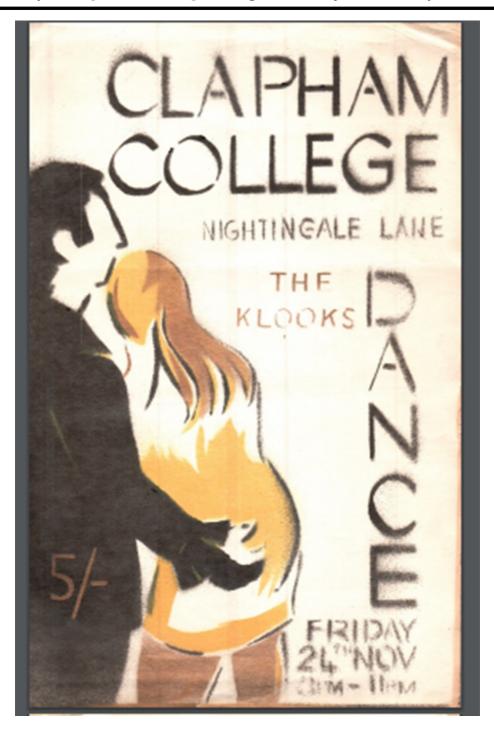


Golf Winners, I recognise Brendan, David and Tom - who's the 4th Man?

Jake Richins - "Then and Now"...



Jake's poster [70s CC Disco] - thoughts on why Bro. Peter pulled it?



Did any of you go on a school trip like this - USA 1969?

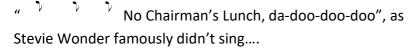
Cecil and Eric, Brian Bryder, John Boyd, Mick Grice, Ernie Larkin, Alex Fitzgerald went on a School Journey to Greendale, Massachusetts in about 1969. Cecil was a legend in the US after his "Exchange Year" there.



Thoughts of Your Chairman..

The Chairman's Report January 2021

Dear friends and fellow Old Boys,





"What a year", as absolutely everybody *did* say. I will attempt to avoid repeating my Christmas note, but that's not so easy. By the time you read this, lunch will have been, not-happened, and gone. Clapham Ramblers will have not rambled for months, Clapham Footballers will be scratching their heads and wondering whether their season will be stretched like last season (and whether they will win another cup). The Famous Post-Lunch Skiing Group will note that it's a year since the freedom of the slopes was theirs. Senior Association Members who gathered at Social Distances outside the school on Remembrance Sunday was a triumph of respectful ingenuity, but some very Senior Committee Members were still absent, for obvious reasons and we have sorely missed the input of Brian Sanders, Ted Hayter and Mick Power. Deputy Chairman Colin Garvey keeps us (me) in check and on the right religious, cultural and social path. Mick and Eddie O'Brien will have "enjoyed" a quiet January, given how much work they (and Scotty) put into organisation of the Lunch.

Moving forward, your Committee have been meeting more, not less, often and much work has been done auditing the Association, the Sports and Social Club and our assets with a view to safeguarding the Association's cultural and financial future. The reader will be pleased to know that the Association is in rude financial

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good health.



Chairman's Report - continued

That is to say that we have ensured that those threats to our stability have been identified and reported upon. (e.g. the viability of the Clubhouse has been reaffirmed and other possible fundraising gaps have been

addressed and resolved). For that, my thanks in particular to Brendan Williams and Mick O'Sullivan. Please look out for and support a (possible) Grand National Sweepstake, ingeniously devised by Aidan Coletta, so go online and buy a £10 ticket when it's available. "Enormous prizes"! The 400 Club could use some new members, but that wouldn't be the case if some or all of the £12 mob renew with direct debits (ahead of this month's draw, then you'll be in it).

You might even be able to see the draw live if plans for a Virtual Chairman's Lunch move to fruition. I will be required to speak, I believe, and I look forward to putting on a suit and tie for the laptop, drinking rather too much, on my own, and winning the 400 Club "Bag of Sand" (again), or at least announcing who did win it. See the website for details. The previously cited Late, Late, Lunch is still on the cards, and as discussed, will not be at the Oval (cricket season etc) but at another iconic venue (to be finalised). Please try to support that function and know that in January 2022 we will be back at The Oval, come what may.

It's 2021; the vaccines (OK, pedants, the inoculations) are here, and the greatest Old Boys' Association in the world will be back to the Old Normal sooner than you think.

Yours,

Chairman, Clapham Old Xaverians Association

David Leathem

6th January 2021 (Happy Epiphany)

More on that Massachusetts Trip 1969 - "made the newspapers"



Continued from Page 4...An incredibly poor quality newspaper article, it was almost "transparent [after 50 years] and although hard to see [and read] it's worth including in Concordia. A School Trip to the USA from our small school, only possible after Cecil had spent a year in Greendale on a Teacher Exchange Scheme - "they", of course "loved him! Your editor was due to go [it was my Year—class of 1963—problem was the cost - was it a grand? You MUST look at this article on online to get the full flavour [close-up]. The headline "British Teacher Visits Mr/Mrs Frank Bottoni"

Rambling with the Xaverians



This was planned as a page about COXA Rambling - but has been "kidnapped" to ramble on about editorial. Most of the activities of the Old Boys have come to a crushing halt due to Covid, however, the Association continues to live on and prosper in these difficult times. Apologies are due, bur hopefully understood.

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The activities on this page, hopefully expanded on later in this Concordia, have gone ahead, but at a reduced scale. I have been inundated by articles and you'll see the evidence of this, but I have another "Concordia-full" of others to add in the Spring!

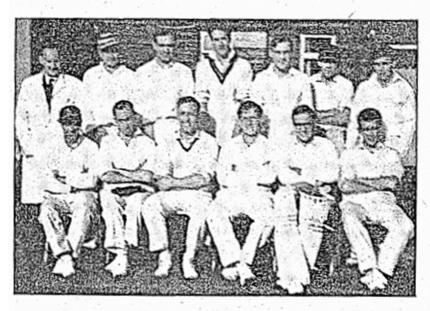




"Illogical" - hopefully not "irrelevant" Concordia continues.

This is a series of Cricket-related "pieces" I planned to add in the Summer, but space was quickly filled, so I've added to our "Christmas / New Year" edition. Cricket no longer "lives on" as a COXA sporting Section, but the faces, stories, matches and memories are still here for all. Ben Benedict has help me with this and more will follow. I start with a team photo from Page 5 of the 1961 Concordia, only SIXTY YEARS AGO—just look at those names!!

As I write, we have just completed our thirteenth fixture. Six have been won, three drawn and four lost. The impression of the season, so far, is one of great enthusiasm. It is almost unfair to pick out individuals, because our success is mainly due to all round team effort, but I must say that Tony Amura, John



THE CRICKET TEAM, 1961

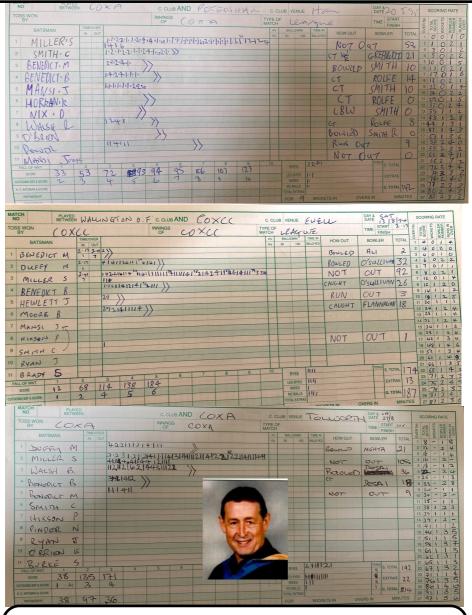
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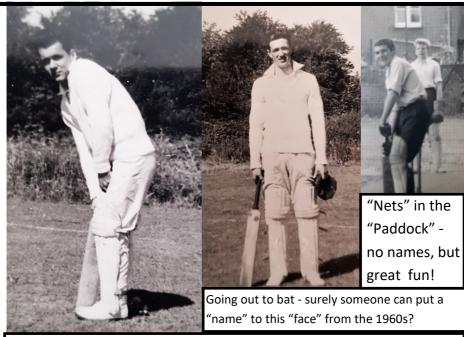
It was a grainy photo 60 years ago

No apologies for the quality - please view on "either" of the COXA Websites



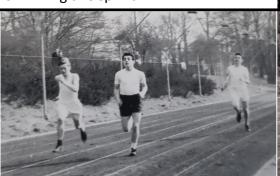
These Cricket Scoresheets are a testimony to Stan Miller's resilience, not out, not out, - finally got his "Ton" - congratulations
Stanley Thomas Miller - COXA "legend". RIP 2007 - only 63 years old
- missed by all those who knew him - [think of just ONE Stan story!]

Cricket continued - more "illogicality" - [and Athletics!]



Final cricket photo - again from the 1960s, who is showing off his "classic" stance before a match? The problem with the Clapham Archive of photos is that [unlike my recently departed Mum] nobody wrote the name or date on the back of any the photos. I'm left with my usual appeal for names, claphamoldxaverianarchive.com

I know this is "cricket" - but two more "unmarked photos" - I'm sure Pete Wills is winning this sprint....





More Cricket Scorecards - Highlighting the "Benedict Family" ...

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Shame on John Ryan - gate-crashing the Amura / Benedict match!

COXA GOLF COMPETITION - FRANK BARRETTA Surrey Downs Golf Club - 25th Sept. 2020

COXA Golf staged a team competition to make up for the disappointment in June when COVID-19 cancelled the COXA Golf Day. It was good to meet up with friends again in these difficult times, and all twenty one players went home pleased with the day. A closure on the M25 and a last minute COVID-19 isolation meant that three players had to drop out on the day The team competition was won by the awe-inspiring team of David Leathem, Brendan Williams, Tom Mcloughlin and Mick McLoughlin. The individual Stapleford competition was won by Tom McLoughlin who brought his "game" at St Andrews to Surrey Downs and won with a score of 39 points. 91 points D Leathem (32) B Williams (33) T McLoughlin (39) M McLoughlin (30) 85 T Judge (37) M Burke (23) A O'Sullivan (37) M O'Sullivan (26)

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seemed to enjoy themselves - Ed

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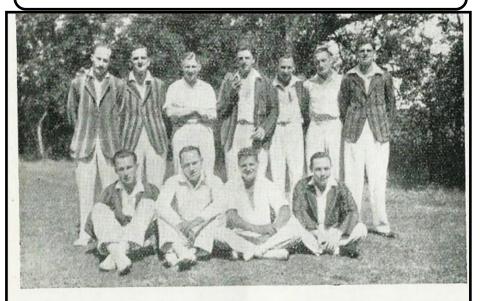
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Brian Sanders on cricket amazed that 50 years of cricket = 2 sides [but no photos!]

While most of the matches I played in for COXCC took place in the afternoon, the Sunday side had two long-standing fixtures which were all -day, against Beckenham CC and Harrods, played at Barnes. One of the Harrods games stands out in my memory. The home side won the toss and batted first amassing a total of 296, as far as I recall, easily the biggest total we had ever conceded. We won that game by nine wickets! Our heroes on that day were Stan Miller and Carlos Freese, who both made centuries and John Hickey, who hit a big fifty. I cannot remember their individual scores, 50 odd years ago, I think. [Is Carlos 70? Ed] PS. Close on 600 runs in a day must surely be some sort of record! Just read the latest. Congrats, again. Afraid I can't be of any use re old class register, but I can confirm that Bro. Columba and Bro. Cook are one and the same. I even had the privilege of sampling his culinary skills. He fed me eggs and bacon and crusty bread and butter when I stayed after school to set up the Careers Evening on one occasion. (Perhaps I could do an article on those.) And, much earlier in time, when I was in the 6th. form, the Brothers organised whist drives from time to time, presumably to encourage socialising between parents and/or staff, but I could be wrong on that. These took place in the gym and during the interval refreshments were served, consisting of tea and Bro. Cook's rock cakes. Those of us who volunteered as waiters were allowed to partake of the leftovers. If my memory serves me well, the cakes were excellent Old photos? I'll see what I can findBrian



Photograph of the 1938 Clapham Old Xaverian cricket team that played Brighton Old Xaverians, at Hassocks.



Clapham Old Xaverians (above) v. Brighton Old Xaverians at Hassocks, near Brighton, on Sunday, 31st July, 1938.

Back Row (left to right): J. J. Wilson, W. J. Madigan, F. Stephenson, P. Newton, T. B. O'Sullivan, D. Wall, C. Higginson.

Front Row (left to right): R. Pierce, D. Jones, J. Wilcock, K. Riley.

Cricket has always, will always have, a special place in our memories and Xaverian History. I have already mentioned the Xaverian Archive; *claphamoldxaverianarchive.com*. Go to the "Sports" and "Cricket" Sections - find the many photographs without names, and please get in touch and share with myself. If you have a story send that on too...

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UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

GENERAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION

MIDSUMMER, 1932

FRENCH

Examiners Mrs. E. C. Bearman, M.A. A. H. Sleight, Esq., M.A.

TUESDAY, June 21.—Afternoon; 2 to 5

[N.B.—Great importance is attached to the English rendering of Section I and to grammatical accuracy in Sections II and III.

Candidates are strongly recommended to spend some time in studying Sections I and II before beginning to write.

All sections of the paper are to be attempted, and each part of Section I should be started on a fresh page.]

SECTION I

Translate into English:—

(a) Je m'étais assis à la terrasse d'un café; je me trouvais dans cet heureux état d'âme qui vous intéresse à tout, — à la feuille que le vent emporte, à ce monsieur inconnu, là-bas, aux moineaux qui grattent le pavé. Je me mis à regarder les voitures. Une venait assez lentement, la rue à cet endroit montant un peu; et, par la portière de gauche, s'envolaient des morceaux de papier déchirés menu.

Tout à coup, — ceci est long à raconter, mais dut se passer en moins d'un quart de minute, — tout à coup je vis s'échapper de la portière non plus de voltigeants petits papiers, mais une lettre tout entière, froissée,

roulée en boule.

. Au même moment, la tête du voyageur apparut : un lorgnon, un cigare, et des moustaches noires. Regrettait-il un moment d'impatience ? Voulait-il retrouver

Cecil's Golden Jubilee letter of 2001

Get a microscope - or read online on Website

A Golden Jubilee

Snapshot of 1951

I am celebrating a Golden Jubilee! It was in September, 1951, that I joined the Staff of Clapham College as the number two in the History Department- in a department of two!

I am not going to indulge in a nostalgic retrospective of these 50 years- I did that, to some extent, at the Centenary Dinner in 1997.

Instead I have taken one year of that fifty, 1960-1961, because that year illustrated, as well as any, what it was like to be a member of what was a very happy and surprisingly vigorous school community.

The Headmaster, of course, was Bro. Peter who presided over the school community with an inimitable blend of laconicism, wry humour and shy kindness.

There were a few staff changes. Of the old guard, the school lost Harry Escott and Bro. Xavier and a very popular young teacher, Ted Johnston. They were replaced by Bro. Cajetan and two very bright and active young teachers in Bob Cummings and Bill Kidd. The school captain- wait for it!- was Colin Garvey ably supported by Kevin Williamson, Peter Keenan, Tony Cleather, and John (Karl) Sabbagh as House Captains. The Prefect Room was a very lively area with Terry Cain, Tony Gilford, Phil Gray, Tony Morrish, Ben Schwenk, and P. Noakes. Yes, the calibre really was very high.

Academically it was a good year with 67% OL and 68% AL passes- both above the national average. John Sabbagh won a place in King's College, Cambridge- one of the few Oxbridge entrants which Clapham produced.

The curriculum, of course, was heavily circumscribed by the archaic conditions in which we worked. Teaching aids, for most of us, consisted exclusively of blackboard and chalk but-what a revolution—the school acquired its first TV set and tape recorder! Otherwise, we were at the mercy of the geography department if we wanted to show a film or slides

Speech Day took place in Battersea Town Hall. The speaker was Cllr. J.J. Keen, who had a son in the school and the chair was taken by Brother David, Chairman of the Governors, see Obits.

The four main and regular school activities of the year followed the usual pattern.

The school play ,"The strong are Lonely", (in the Autumn term), produced by John Gibb and myself was one of the best-if not THE best -of all the postwar productions. It was made so by an outstanding and most moving performance as the Jesuit Provincial by Peter Smith. The Jesuit Provincial has now been trans mogrified into the present Bishop of East | This was due to the enthusiasm of both staff and pu-Anglia! John Sabbagh was responsible for the set and the sound effects and John Gilhooley and Richard Benson were also impressive in their respective rolls

The Carol Service was, as always, a particularly job! warm and happy occasion. Mr Smith produced a re- Yes, Happy Golden Jubilee to me! markably high standard of singing

The Easter trip to Paris, organised by Mr. Gilmore and Mr. Rathborn, (why didn't I go, I wonder?) was. I am sure, its usual great success with staff and pupils taking full advantage of French culture, history and wine!

The usual Summer Camp at Mayfield was replaced by a most memorable mini-bus camping tour in France and Switzerland, organised by Mr. Cummings. I still look back on that trip as one of the most enjoyable holidays I can remember—perfect weather, glorious scenery and a great bunch of lads. In between these four memorable trips there was a plethora of visits and events.

There were the history visits to Hampton Court, The Tower, St. Albans and the Houses of Parliament. (with a personal introduction by Dudley Smith. MP.) a Down walk organised by Bro. Christopher, a visit to the Stock Exchange (now who organised that, I wonder, and why?) to the Picasso exhibition and to Camberwell Art School, To Sadlers Wells Opera, the Wakefield Mystery Plays and the NFT

The school produced an excellent magazine, 'The Clapham Xaverian', with John Sabbagh as editor and very attractive Christmas Cards were designed by Mr. Rathborn. Finally, Tony Morrish ran a very successful Tuck Shop in the playground-though not always with to Bro. Peter's approval.

The sporting year was very successful. Athletics had seen a great renaissance in the Spring and Summer of 1960 under the inspiring captaincy of Mick Turvey and with such outstanding athletes as Ben Hogan, David Whitehouse, David Cordeict and Mick Gowan. The climax was the winning of the senior shield in the South London Grammar Schools meeting at the White City.

Similarly, in soccer, the school had two excellent years. In 1959/60, under Ben Hogan's captaincy, the 1 XI won 20, drew 2 and lost only two games. The Old Xaverians were decisively beaten in both games played by 8-2 and 4-0 respectively! In 1960/61, under Colin Garvey, 17 games were won, 5 drawn and 5 lost. Terry Cain, Phil Gary and Colin Garyev played for the London Grammar Schools. Cricket in 59/60, with Will McGrath as captain didn't do as well with 3 wins, 4 draws and 5 defeats BUT the OXs. Were beaten by 105 runs to 46. So there you have it-one year in the life of Clap-

ham College. When you think how small the school was-380 at its apex -and how limited our facilities were, it really is remarkable how much was achieved.

pils. That's why this golden jubilee really means something to me. It reminds me of the job which gave me immense pleasure and satisfaction and the school in which I was privileged to be able to do that

Cecil Pocock Also from all Clapham Old Xaverians!

Clapham College 1948 - "appeals" from The Headmaster, Br Nicholas

CLAPHAN COLLEGE, S.W.4.

MARCH, 1948.

My dear Parents.

I have to bring to your notice three important points with regard to School Discipline:

If a pupil is absent for more than three days the parenat must send a letter to the School stating the reason for such absence; for a natter of one or two days the letter must be brought by the pupil when he returns.

Too many pupils are late in the mornings. School begins at 9-10 a.m. Pupils are liable to be sent home if they are late without bringing a letter of excuse.

The Homework does not, in post cases, receive sufficient time or care. It is the parents' duty to help the School by examining their sons' Homeworks. You will find the Terminal Reports have been set out particularly to help in this respect. Homework is given in two or three subjects every night. The parents of the senior pupils are asked to pay particular attention to this matter since success in the School Certificate and the Higher School depends on it.

THE SCHOOL BUILDING FUND. OBJECTIVE - £30,000.

I should like to express our appreciation of the parents who faithfully continue to contribute to this important Fund. So few do contribute. If every family gave but ONE SHILLING A WEEK the success of the Fund would be assured.

Also we are very grateful to those families who generously responded to the Lenten Appeal which raised £28, though only 91 families out of the 256 families responded.

Do understand that the parents are the only help we have in this great task. Though Claphan College provides 300 Grammar School Places for some 22 parishes in the Diocese of Southwark yet no financial help in any way is provided by the Diocese to meet the needs of this Secondary Education. We must rely on the help of parents.

THE GARDEN PARTY on SATURDAY, JUNE 26th.

Help us to raise £500 on this occasion.
Ladies can sew, knit or make some articles for the
Fancy Goods Stall. Hen can make some useful wooden articles
or toys. The boys can sell at least two books of Tickets each
for the GRAND RAFFLE.

Articles in the suppoards which are of no use to you may be very useful to someone else; books you have read and do not want. Please send everything along and we shall obtain a sale. It sounds impossible, but perhaps even some parents can send us grocories to make up PARCELS FOR AUCTION - a most luctrative Stall.

PLEASE IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY HELP US TO MAISE \$500 AT THE GAMMEN PARTY ON SATURDAY - JUNE 26th.

We ended up raising over £20,000, which was nicked

by the Gov't - shame!

Thank you.

Yours sincerely.

Br. nickolas.

Here is a story about coincidence, concerning physical geography, especially geomorphology, taught by Br Christopher, in the mid late 1960's. Some of you may recall that the geomorphology textbook had pictures of landforms in New Zealand. The one I remember most, is one of a group of skiers looking down on the steaming crater lake of Mt Ruapehu. To a 16 year old from Walworth, those skiers seemed to be from another world, where the jet set did exciting things, like skiing on active volcanoes. I wanted to do that, to be there.

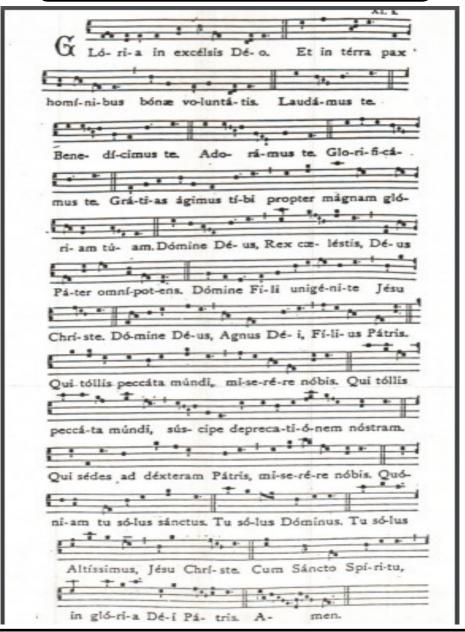
In 1971 I moved to Wellington, New Zealand, and in 1980, I leased the house of Mr Paul Cotton, who was a New Zealand diplomat. He had been posted as ambassador to Greece and Kenya. NZ often doubles up like that. There was a limited budget. There were still only 3.3m people in NZ in those days.

The house was a large mid-19th century bungalow, in Thorndon, the oldest part of Wellington. It had 20 ft square rooms, with 12 ft ceilings, a large garden at the front, overlooked by a 40 foot veranda. It had a lemon tree and a large fridge freezer. All we needed was the gin and the tonic. "Party, party" was the motto of that house. My bedroom (you know the dimensions) had an office desk circa 1930 and a matching reclining office chair, made of wood, with a rattan seat and back. It was very high spec for its time. I loved it. Little did I know where I was sitting. I had skied on Mt Ruapehu many times, but I had not made the climb up beyond the ski field to stand on the crater rim, which I had always wanted to do since seeing the photo in the geomorphology textbook. About a year after I leased the house, my girlfriend and I were on our way up to the Bay of Islands. Ruapehu is in the middle of the North Island. We were passing it in brilliant summer weather and I came up with the idea of climbing it. We stopped at a nearby motel. The next day was cloudless and windless, so we climbed it in tennis gear. Ruapehu is currently 9,177 feet (there are a lot of feet in this story). It changes with each eruption. We got to the summit, the Dome, and stood roughly where the skiers were, in the textbook. You may find this ascent hard to believe, but you should realise that we drove to the ski field car park at 5,350 feet (more feet) and from there, it's basically a long hill walk up through the ski field.

The next year, the owner's son returned from Greece and moved in to the flat at the back of the house, which had formerly been the servant's quarters. He was to attend Victoria University of Wellington, which has a Cotton building on the campus. I asked if there was a family association. He said it was named after his grandfather, whose desk was in my bedroom. "What did he do?" "He invented the science of geomorphology."

I was sleeping in the room, that was the study of the man, who wrote the textbook, I had read in the geography room. I had come full circle, from Clapham and the reason I climbed the mountain, to the room where the book was written. But here is another coincidence. His Christian names were Charles Andrew, the same as mine, only he had a KBE. I'm working on it. He was Sir Charles Andrew Cotton. How's that? No feet in that paragraph. Well there are now, but no dimensions. There was some coincidence though. *Charles Andrew Efford [CC 1961/68] "A", Walsingham*

Clapham College - Catholic "roots", hymn sheet from Friday Benediction



Be proud - sing it out aloud - maybe we'll try it again on Remembrance Sunday 2021 [if allowed]. Remember folding back the partitions of the 4th & 5th Year classrooms?

Non-payment of Membership Fees - 1966

Some of the names on the list are "shocking" - Coletta, Smith, Luke, Browne, Morrish, Spivak, Carpenter and McGuire... surely you were not all short of a "bob, or two". People often ask "What does the Committee do?" - well the compiling of this list of a yearly basis was a key task. There was also the difficultly of a "telephone-less" society and the gamble had to be made on whether to invest on the cost of a stamp for a possible "deserter". It's interesting that John Gilhooly just dipped across the line in time.

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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. *ROCERS J. BROWN P. KIDD W.R. ROMAINE D. BURGESS G. *LAMBERT P. SCOTT N.P. CAMPBELL B. *LISHMAN T.J. *SERADI D.J.J. LUCKHURST L.I. Don CARPENTER L.G. SMITH C. CARROLL K.M. LUKE C.E. *SNAITH L. CASSANDRO P. *LUZMINSKI SPIVAK P. CLARK R.V. *MCCORMACK M. STEWARD 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. Jnn FITZGERALD T. MULVIHILL F.G. *YOUCEE M. -STREETER E.S *OTTHOOLY J.F. MURPHY M.E.P. - BYRNE S. GUNN P.J. *MURPHY Peter *HART B. *NELLA J. *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.

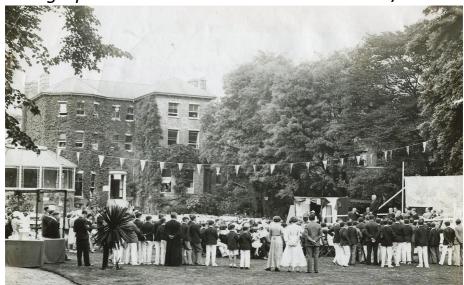


Pages 21 & 22 are a mystery - any thoughts "older" Xaverians?

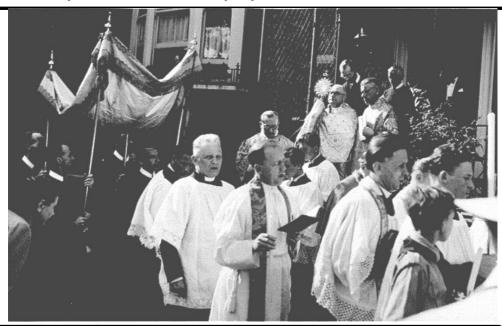


Think this photo taken from Broadoak, matches the top photo on the next page

Photographs with no detail on the back-1930s/1960s?



1930s School Fete on the green in front of Broadoak, I can see the gymnastics "Display Team" and visitors, the bunting is mandatory - incredibly smart "turn-out" - proper Grammar School look.

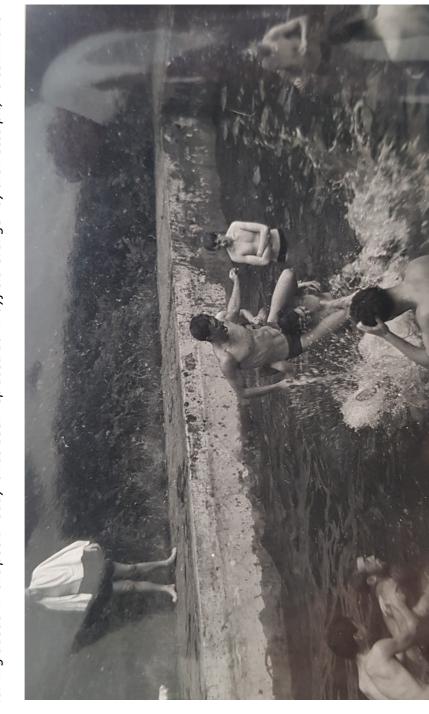


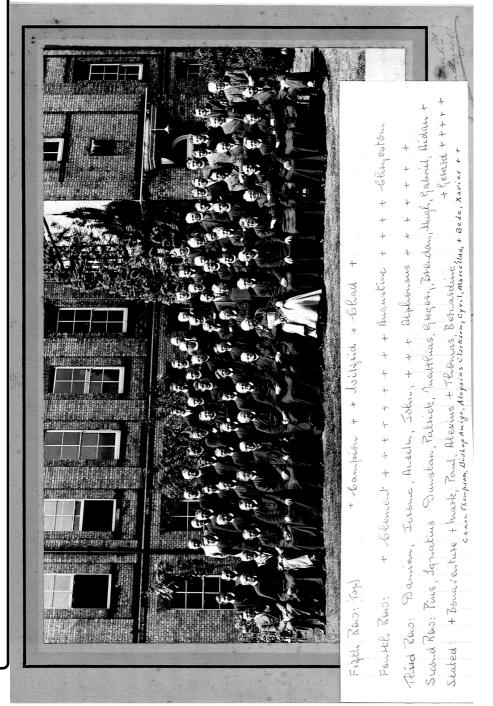
Late 1960s Bishop Amigo visit, Br. Peter and Br. Chris "bringing up the rear".

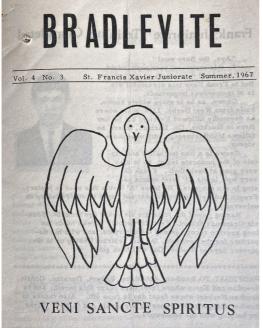
1960s "Carry on Camping" at Mayfield College



"larking about" in the pool! Today it has been replaced at "Mayfield Grange" by their cess-pit; no comment. One of the pleasures of Camping with Clapham College in the grounds of Xaverian College, Mayfield was







Mick McGrath, Tim Kelly, Ross
Westcott, Pete Bransfield, Paul
Grizeri decimated the "class of
1963 at Clapham by moving up to
Manchester to train as Xaverian
Brothers. Their vocations did not
last long and they returned to
Clapham; being Man Utd
supporters could be a clue. Paul
ended up as Professor of
Economics at Portsmouth University- he always had the look of a
Professor, NOT a Brother!] Tim
Kelly returned to be a legend in

Vocation Minded Old Boys

In a recent edition of 'Concordia', the official organ of the Clapham Old Xaverians Association, in an article on vocations, the fact was mentioned that out of five new aspirants at the juniorate three were from Clapham.

Of the BRADLEYITE itself, it says, "The Bradleyite is the juniorate's own excellently produced newsletter."

It also gives news of the profession and investiture ceremony last September 8th. Special mention is made of Len Fletcher, now Brother Patrick, who pronounced first vows, and who was in the lower school at Clapham before joining the juniorate.

The Old Boys of Clapham are showing their concern for the Xaverian Brothers' need for vocations by organising a campaign of prayer. It is a very comforting thought to know that while we are at Mass in the morning, somewhere there is a Clapham Old Boy offering Mass with us and for us.

T. Kelly

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SPORT IN SHOP

Football

Our football season started with an easy victory over a select school team. This game seemed to bring out the best of our players, especially Andrew Roclawski who scored four fine goals in our 9-2 victory.

In our second game we also played well, but, being up against tougher opposition, we only won 4-3. In a tense, hardfought game, Mike Curtis gave the best performance, scoring two goals.

In our most recent match against the Salesians of Pott Shrigley, we started the underdogs and by half-time had amply justified the position, being 2-0 down. However, our team never stopped trying and were justly rewarded when Frank Kane headed the ball into the net despite the close attention of their defence. But this did not deter them, and they scored four second half goals before the whistle blew for full time.

Basket ball

Our first basketball game this year was against St. Pius X. The Juniorate started slowly but soon wiped out an initial deficit of four points and then surged into the lead. In the second half we never looked like losing and ran out fairly comfortable winners, 31-19.

Our second game against the Mill Hill Juniorate was much closer, and it was not until the last ten minutes that we pulled away to win, 27-20. Tony Ricks was the leading scorer in both these matches.

However, our basketball season finished on a slightly lower note when in an inter-school tournament we were knocked out in a very close game in the first round, losing 19-18.

M. McGrath

Donning my "investigative hat", I found this Bradleyite Magazine, which must have been sent down to the "Brothers" at Clapham due



to the articles by the Clapham boys. I can understand the sports story from Mick McGrath [but basketball??]. The article on page 26 "Vocations" by Tim Kelly just doesn't sit right! 150th Anniversary badge [Manchester] 125th year celebrations for Clapham in 2022?

Nostalgia continued - 1945, return from Somerset to Clapham College

at BISHOP FOX'S SCHOOL,

To the Parents.

The Easter holiday begins on Wednesday, March 28th. and lasts for one week.

Lessons for all the pupils will begin on Thursday, April 5th.at 9-45 a.m.

All class4s will attend at the Bishop Fox's School.

There will not be any classes next Term at Clapham College in London.

Boys who have to be re-billeted will be notified by the Billeting Officer when they must return.

The parents are earnestly requested to make sure their sons return to Taunton in time for lessons on april 5th. The billeting problem is very difficult and was made more complicated still after the Christmas holiday by the parents! failure to send the boys back on the day appointed. Failure to comply with school discipline and arrangements results in loss of billets, loss of schooling and unnecessary added burdens to billeting and school authorities.

The rescan for this short holiday is twofold.First, it ensures the minimum loss of billets
since one week's absence from a billet does not
necessitate the withdrawal of the billeting
form with, often, a consequent loss of billet.
Secondly, if the war in Europr should terminate
within the next menth, the school would return
to London and we then would be compelled to
grant a fortnight's heliday so that we might
prepare the College in London for complete
school work. In view of the June Public Exems.
and of the loss of this fortnight it has been
deemed advisable to ensure as much schooling
as possible immediately.

I look to the parents to co-operate to the full in these arrangements for what we hope will be the last Term we spend in a reception area.

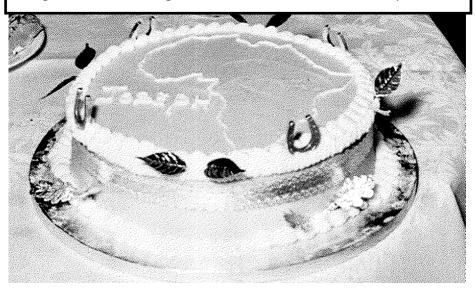
The Headmaster.

I implore you - fading vision - poor copying - look online [in colour too] claphamoldxaverianarchive.com or claphamoldxaverians.co.uk

Clapham boys on a mountain and CAKE [circa 1960]



There is a connection, Brother Joseph was "the mountaineer" and his "leaving cake" - before his tragic trip to Africa. In the photo, John Utting, Conduct [with fag], Bill Kidd; others names/location please.



The "obligatory Prefects photograph"



This is not just another photo on the steps of Broadoak, but a request for detail. I recognize some of the faces, but I need one of those "new" prefects to drop me a line and give me the full line-up, Scotty

Chairman's AGM Report for 2020 COXA & COXASS

A very good year for The Old Xaverians, not least given the extraordinary events outside of our control. The Lunch in January 2020, was an unmitigated success. There followed an Association response to the COVID-19 situation of which we should be satisfied, perhaps proud. The Committees have performed admirably, remotely in a 21st-Century style, and this AGM is further proof of our resilience and our continuing service to the Association.

Where possible, Association events have been skilfully accommodated, or re-scheduled. The Somme Trip is under control and booked for May/ June 2021. The nascent Ramblers' Group have achieved several walks which have been well-attended. The Golf Day became an informal championship, but well attended. The winding-up of the Cricket Section was a sad moment for everyone, but nonetheless inevitable, and handled as well as could be hoped. The Football Section endured a coruscating renaissance process, but robustly met that challenge. It is to be hoped, even at time of writing (15th October), that the Remembrance Mass will go ahead.. [Sadly it was cancelled, but a small group did meet on the Common at the front of the College to celebrate the lives and sacrifices of those on our Rolls of Honour and to reflect on those Xaverians who what died since 2019 .] We have lost several members to whom the Committee owes a debt of gratitude, most notably our former Chairman, Denis Quin, and our spiritual leader and self-styled "Battersea boy", Archbishop Peter Smith. In the spirit of Old Xaverians everywhere, we have tried, and succeeded in keeping in touch with members, and a Committee (and others') visit to former chairman Alan Webber on the Sussex coast was an example of this, another highlight. No Committee member escapes my gratitude and praise for their work over the past 12 months Thank you to those, and thank you to the wider Association Membership for their work and their support of David Leathem 15th October 2020 their Committee and Chairman.

COXA Chairman - a auspicious list of Xaverians

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1928-1931	.931 Bill Donovan						
1931-1932	Rev. Br. Aloysius CFX						
1933-1934	933-1934 Rev. Br. Bernadine CFX						
1939-1945	Phil Trumper						
1945-1946	Horace Davies						
1946-1947	Bill Donovan						
1947-1948	Bill Holland						
1948-1950	John Pinder						
1950-1951	John Woollard						
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1964-1966							
1966-1968	Ted Hayter	"years" might be a little "out of kilter".					
1968-1971	Tony Morrich		But it is important				
1971-1974	John Keenan						
1974-1975	Tana Famia		e to this				
1975-1979	David Martin	Associa	ation.				
1979-1983	Mick Powell	Any an	mendments or				
1983-1986			tions will be				
1986-1991	John Mansi	happily taken					
1991-1997	Brian Sanders	onboard.					
1997- 2003	97- 2003 Eddie O'Brien						
2003-2010	Brendan Williams	Scotty					
2011-2018							

"The Brothers" by Brother Christopher from COXAN 1970

For those still interested in the "Brothers" – this was an up-date record of the Brother in England, from Brother Christopher in 1970 in the very first COXAN [which replaced Concordia]

"Brother Christopher, who remains as Head of Geography at Clapham, and living at Twickenham, has kindly provided the Editor with an up to date record of the whereabouts of the other Brothers"

The new Provincial is Brother Cyril, Headmaster at Manchester; his predecessor as Provincial, Brother Goderick leaves for Kenya on 26th September.

Brothers Dunstan and Matthias are now both at Bradley House in the grounds at Mayfield where Br. Columba is installed as cook. Also, on the staff at Mayfield, are Brothers David, Ambrose, Steven, Damien and Thomas More. Manchester has claimed Brother Cajetan as Superior, and Brother Peter as Deputy Headmaster; the teaching staff also includes Brothers Sylvester and Kiernan. Brother Leo is also attached to the staff at Manchester and Brother Alphonsus is there in retirement. Brother Anselm is Superior at the House of Formation at Twickenham"

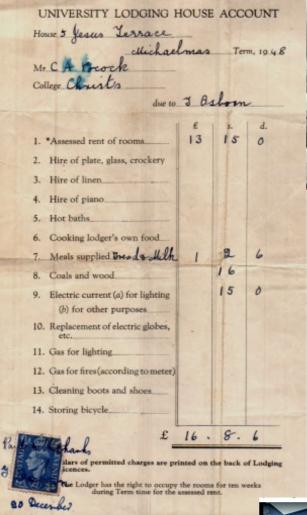
All unfortunately have now passed away + May they Rest in Peace +



Three Photographs of Brother Dunstan, Brother Joseph, in glasses, [and A.N.Other]



Cecil Pocock 1948 Jesus Terrace Lodgings, Cambridge



For the Michaelmas Term [Autumn] Cecil's lodging fees were £16.8s.6d. It include £1.2s.6d for bread and milk, 16 shillings for coal & wood and 15 shillings for "electric current". Then the tuppence ha'penny stamp duty!!



An insight into Cecil's background via Chiswick Grammar and Christ's College Cambridge to teacher and Headmaster at Clapham College. Cecil lodged at Jesus Terrace just around the corner to "Christ's", there is a "McDonalds" there today - sorry Cecil!.

Brian Sanders and his Clapham College story...

Little did I realise, when I went back to the College as Head of the Department of Modern Languages - Department? Just Bro Hugh and myself Modern Languages? Just one: French - that I would not only be taking over my predecessor's responsibilities in the classroom but would also be required to continue organising the annual trip to Paris. To say this prospect was daunting would be a huge understatement. In all the eight years that I had



spent at the College as a pupil, the nearest I had ever got to taking part in a school journey was a day visit to the British Museum. Now I was being asked to organise something on a far larger scale and abroad! However, thanks to encouragement from other members of staff, especially a certain Cecil Pocock who had already taken part in such trips and the help from the School Journey Association, whose office was conveniently situated a few minutes away in Cavendish Road, the first of my many school journeys abroad was organised and took place without too many headaches. (Subsequently I went on to take part in over fifty such journeys - many in Belgium, but that's another story - and was in charge for most of them.)

Memories of these trips are numerous, but with the passing of the years, are beginning to get a bit blurred. My apologies for any omissions and/or inaccuracies. Our London - Paris journey included crossing the Channel via Newhaven and Dieppe which took several hours and caused not a few cases of seasickness. (One boy suffered so badly that when a day later we took a trip along the Seine on a Bateau - Mouche, I swear his face turned green.) While I found all these trips enjoyable, and would not have missed them for the world, I did resent it somewhat when, on our return parents would ask, 'Did you enjoy your holiday?'continued...

More from Brian...

Enjoyable? Yes. Educational? Yes, in the broadest sense of the word. At the very least, they had the perhaps once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit one of the great cities of the world. I remember on our first trip - accommodation as always in a Lycée, closed for Easter - the boys came down to breakfast and found small bowls in front of them on the table which they thought were about to be filled with cornflakes, or something similar. 'Coffee, sir? But they've got no handles!' As for the toilet - the hole in the floor - the least said the better! On the whole, Cecil and I were happy to turn a bit of a blind eye to this and the very few who maybe took it a bit too far got their just deserts the next morning.

Given the number of trips we made, I have forgotten exactly how many, and the number of boys involved, I think it remarkable that so little went wrong. Two incidents stand out and I will say what I recall of both of them. On one trip, one of the Cassandro boys was caught shoplifting and marched off to the nearest Commissariat. Again I was grateful for the presence of Cecil who smoothed the whole thing over and Cassandro was let off with a severe warning and a metaphorical slap on the wrist. The irony of all this is that at that time, Cassandro's father owned restaurants in London, one, was a favourite restaurant of Frank Sinatra and the boy had as much pocket money as the rest of the group put together.

Potentially more serious was what happened on, I think, the last trip. For some reason or other our booking had gone in late and no Lycée in Paris was available. We were billeted in a Lycée Aéronautique, a short train ride out of Paris. Needless to say, a lot of time was lost travelling in and out of Paris every day. On the last night, a small group of our boys, perhaps feeling that they had been a bit shortchanged over time spent in Paris had the bright idea, after we (Bill Kid and I) had tucked them up in bed, of going off to Paris on their own. I am convinced, or at least they convinced me, that nothing untoward had happened, but they missed the last train back and returned on the post train the following morning. At the same time another small group of our boys had decided to go and 'say goodnight' to a group of English girls who occupied the dormitory on the floor below ours. Again, it was all very innocent but this was not the view of the dragon lady who was in charge of the girls. Bill and I knew nothing of all this until the next morning when I told the boys concerned exactly what I thought of them. I don't think I have ever been as angry in my life as I was then. Interestingly, the French teacher in charge of the Lycée arrangements had a very different view of the matter. Coming up to me as we were about to leave, he actually congratulated our group on the shenanigans of the previous night in the girls' dormitory, pointing out that on the three previous nights since the girls' arrival, our boys had not gone anywhere near them. read on..

Brian Sanders..in conclusion...

Their behaviour on that last night had restored his faith in British manhood! How French can you be? Needless to say, Bro Peter's reaction to all of this, his detailed enquiry and subsequent retribution were painful for all concerned, not the least for me! I could have wished that that last night had never happened, but, that aside my memories of all my school journeys abroad are very positive; I only hope that the boys enjoyed them half as much as I did. Brian Sanders [Head of Languages CC]



Thank you John Egan - Clapham College 1945/1949



John was another Old Xaverian who responded to my request for photos and information from the past - what a fantastic photograph [packed with Clapham boys] and writing on the back!

Streathern Squires Team Kingdon Squires in Semitrial of the amold cup Won 4-3.

Streatham Squires Footbal Team

The Squires were a junior section of the Knights of St. Columba. We had a football team which was composed of 10 ox's. Nine of us were in the fifth form together in 1949. I did not live locally but in Peckham. I was recruited because I had been the 1st team goalie at the College.

The photo shows back row l to r Peter Freddi David Mason John Egan Non OX Nick Scott Front Row Tony Morrish Denis Gamburuto our capt Denis Quinn Pete Neale Kevin Carroll

We were quite successful.

Great sadness Denis missed seeing this particular photo!

Jane Seath Shap ong

Stella Flannery Tribute Page



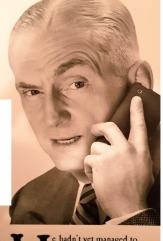
There was going to be a tribute page[s] to Stella Flannery for her unerring support of COXA over the years.

Her invitation to "TABLE 1" for the Lunch should forever be there. The Lunch was going to be our opportunity for a proper "goodbye" hopefully Concordia 23 and/or Lunch 2022?

So sorry Stella, you end up sharing a page with a silly joke and a photo of the front of St Gerard's.

Stella Flannery

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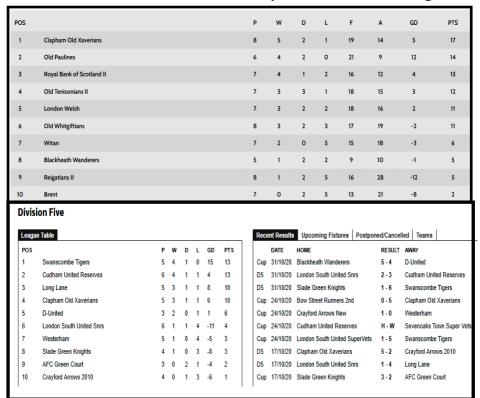
e hadn't yet managed to make a call on his new smartphone, but he had got 17 photos of his left ear!





COXA TOP OF THE TABLE! 20TH DECEMBER 2020 FRANK BARRETTA

COXA 1st XI are top of Intermediate Division South going into the Christmas break. COXA Vets are in 4th spot in the Veterans League.



Cup Final Win; successful start to 2020 COXA Football looking good

David Conduct writesand adds a poem

Dear Scotty,

music and books on P.23 of Concordia No 20. Music and writing are my chief leisure interests these days.

My busking days in the streets of Durham may be over but I am now able to busk from home via the internet where I have a site on Periscope at Durham.

Dusker and on You-Tube a Durham Busker, which features an attractive view of Durham Cathedral in the background!

My books are available on Amazon and you can find out more about them by simply goog hing my name.

I am currently working on an autobrographical piece with which I hope to celebrate my eightyth birthday next year. My Chapham days, of course, figure auite prominently in this work and are partly reflected in a poem called, "Leaders come and Go" which accompanies the text. I enclose a copy of the poem.

David Conduct...continued....

With regard to the Photo of the First XI on P. 31 of Concordia 20, the correct date for it would be the season of 1956-7. Four of the "youngeters" on the team were Ted Bell, Tom Wedgeworth, Bertie Leen and Frank Burkhard and all of them left Clapham in the summer of 1937, at the age of 16, following their O-Level exams.

I found confirmation of this while reading one of Brother Peter's match reports from 1986-7 which was featured on Page 38 of Concordia 12. In his report he refers to many of this team.

That got me thinking that it would be interesting if you could find further evidence of Brother Peter's sporting narrative of Cricket and Soccer. They were always very literary and rather swirked in tone and would make far a good read in Subsequent editions of Concordia.

At this difficult time, all the best -

David Conduct

"Leaders Come and Go" - a poem by David Conduct

[®] Born in 1941, a Child of War and Peace My father fought on foreign sands, my mother kept me safe, Hitler, Stalin, Roosevelt, Churchill, all the rest Come and go, do their stuff, and leave behind a mess! [®] 1945 to '50 Atlee, Bevan, Beverage. Pre-fab years and free school milk, life in Tooting Bec Common, alongside Doctor Johnson's Avenue, Beneath Thomas Hardy's "Lamp". ® Eleven-plus and grammar school, it must be the 1950's, Cecil, Brother Xavier, Joe Church and old John Gibb: Guardians of a sacred flame that still within me lives. Soccer, cricket, track and field, fill my leisure time, Along with skiffle, rock 'n' roll and that old guitar of mine. But still the leaders come and go - Korea, Suez and Budapest Come and go, do their stuff and leave behind a mess. [®] The 1960's: love and learning, Vietnam and the Moon. Find a wife, have two kids and begin a life of learning. With leaders now my stock-in-trade, I try to make some Little sense of all the mess they've made. But, t it's all just a joke to me - "1066 and All of That". Did Oliver of Cologne prefer to be known simply as "O de Cologne"? And did the gay King Edward II always prefer swimming

To tournaments?

Continued.....

[®] The 1970's, Leicester years in education Shangri-la.

Teaching History in Convent School, with nuns and

Pupils whom I taught and sang to and remember, But ill as friends

But a mad decade as well, Miner's Strike, a

Three-day week and shortages. Flares and chaos in the

Middle East with Yon-Kippur and Sheikh Yamani –

"Or your life" – and then along comes Thatcher.

@ The 1980's, two new schools and a family growing up.

Peter, Sophie, Matthew, Meg; fill the cup.

While Thatcher, Reagan, Gorbachev, still they come and go,

Come and go and do their stuff and leave behind a mess.

Perhaps "the end of History" will bring us all some rest?

@ At last the 1990's. In ten years, I retire, and history will come to an end:

With only 10 more Spanish Armadas and 10 Gunpowder Plots.

Will I reach my journey's end before the world is shot?

By ethnic cleansing in the Balkans and murder in Iraq?

For, still the leaders come and go, a helpless, hopeless lot.

@ 2001, "I make it Ma, top of the World", in heaven.

Now my own Space Odyssey begins, in spite of 9-11.

Reflecting on retirement, I feel nothing but relief.

School gave me the happiest days of my life: the day I

Left and the day I knew that school was out forever.

So now I sit, read, and write, play my guitar and sing.

No stress, while leaders still come and go

And leave behind a mess. David Conduct 2020, C.C. 1962 - 1968 [Alpha])

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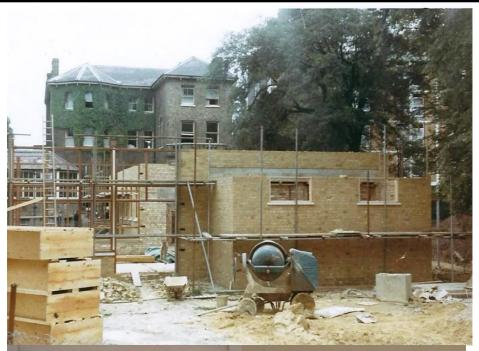
COXA's 4th Ramble in the modern era - River Mole & Box Hill



October 2020 - Walking the 5 miles from Leatherhead to Box Hill, the dozen souls set out in beautiful weather and ended up for a pint and a meal at the Stepping Stones West Humble - lovely day.



The Dining Hall; waited 90 years for it - lasted 18 months





A Xaverian welcome to Graham Thompson, new Principal SFX



the College on 8th November

Random Photos Past and Present



It has been impossible to start to argue about the illogical, unstructured nature of this Concordia, the articles/photographs have come from far and wide, too many were too good to omit, so I've squeezed them into any gap! [probably no different to past editions] I hear you say!



I had to "remove" this photograph from the "Cricket Section" of this Concordia - due to it being in glorious "Technicolor" - Brian Baker, Tony Gray and in the huge "lab coat" Tom Marshall.