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Celebrating 125 years

The 1970s

1897 – 2022

Clapham College

Clapham Old Xaverians



1. 1970s at Clapham College - a time of change

1970 Mr. C. Pocock, Headmaster.
1975 St. Gerard's School, Clapham Common, South Side, is merged with Clapham College. Mr. M. Gleeson, Headmaster of St. Gerard's becomes Headmaster of combined schools.
1976 New school buildings are opened in the grounds of Clapham College, Broadoak is given up and Hollywood used as a temporary 6th form block.
1977 Hollywood is given up and the Chapel and Old School building are re-conditioned and re-opened, 1,000 boys on roll

When you look at these short “snippets” from a plotted History of Clapham College you get a really, really brief “time-line”. It truly is brief and worrying—for example the entire 1960s [my era, is covered by one line - **“Clapham Xaverian magazine, produced by the Sixth Form.”** That was it, at least the 1970s had nine lines and four sentences! Mind you, it was a **“Time of Change”**.

The “brief time-line, first produced for the Xaverian Brothers leaving Clapham in the 1970s and then almost identical when added to the programme of the 1980s programme for the closure of Clapham College at the Nightingale Lane site. This timeline was then re-produced all over the internet when writing about the history of Clapham College. The short extract above give some detail and the timings but adds little to the story..

1. **“1970 - Mr Pocock Headmaster until 1975 “, there’s so much more....**
2. **“1975 - St Gerrards's amalgamates with Clapham College on Nightingale Lane site.”**
3. **Mr Gleeson takes over from Cecil Pocock—a real shock for us Xaverians.**
4. **“1976 The new school building opened, Broakoak leased out, Hollywood 6th Form”**

1975 St. Gerard's School, Clapham Common South side is merged with Clapham College. Mr Gleeson headmaster of St. Gerard s becomes headmaster of combined schools with Mr. Pocock and Mr. Price (formerly of St. Gerard's) as Deputy Headmasters. New houses are set up named: Anselm. Gerard, Xavier, More. The patron Saint of combined schools was St. Oliver Plunkett. Original badge and motto retained.

A few events that changed Clapham College for ever

2. Putting words to the figures 1970 to

The 70s from two Form Entry [as we all knew it, since World War II]; 33 in each Form, "A" & "Alpha".

1970	66
1971	70
1972	46
1973	67
1974	73
1975	42
1976	61
1977	155
1978	150
1979	153

The pattern seems to be "two-form entry" to 1974, a dip due to some "changes".. then an "explosion" of pupils!

This was NOT my time at Clapham, I'm just trying to "read" the numbers on the Clapham College "intake" in that decade. There seems to be the historic Clapham Intake in the early 70s, 1970 to 1973, 66 in the Year, 33 each in "A" and "Alpha". There was a slight rise in 1974, with Clapham taking on some of the new first years who applied to St Gerard's and were taken into Clapham College. I think both school site were being used so in the early days, classes were not overcrowded, although for some, a short walk across Clapham Common. There was a slight "dip" in intake in 1975, possibly due to parents avoiding a boys school in transition, two groups of boys "mingling" and Clapham College being a "building site". 1977 - massive intake - to new build!

Well, that's my take on it, possibly a complete work of fiction!.....unless..

3. COXAN Oct 1975-whatever happened to COXA Poetry and Poets?



OCTOBER

Browning leaves all damp and limp,
Dripping branch and undergrowth,
Profusion swiftly becoming skeletal,
Nature's annual desolation

In the forest once so green,
Amber, brown and yellow meld,
Once clear paths have disappeared,
'Neath autumnal residue.

Bird and beasts once slow in sun
Scurry now in preparation,
Time is slipping dusk is coming
Proclaiming now a wintry mantle.

Morning mists and evening dew,
Dankly damping velvet moss,
Hibernating warmth engendered
The forest sleeps ignoring winter.

4. COXAN 1975 Mick Powell launches the 100 Club

DRAMATIC LOVE STORIES

*Where Are You
Now, My Love?*

*Come Away
With Me...*

Simply Striped Jumper To Knit

Would You Like To Be— An Air Hostess?

No - NOT IN THIS ISSUE!

100 Club, Mick Powell, "little acorns - mighty oak s grow" 400 Club - Aiden Coletta

100 CLUB

RESULTS

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The Summer issue of Coxan gave the results up to and including June. July's results arrived too late for inclusion in the issue so starting with July here are the results to date

July	£20
	£5
Aug	£100
	£15
Sept	£20
	£5
Oct	£20
	£5

Any member who would like to subscribe to the 100 Club is asked to contact Mick Powell 25, Barnbury Rd., S.W.12

5.1975 COXA Football section - Derek writes in COXAN

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FOOTBALL

The new season has been under way for a few weeks now and the Football section is proudly running 5 teams each Saturday. If there are any budding players wondering if they should join us they will be made most welcome, and training to get you into shape is held every Tuesday evening at the College from 6.30 p.m. Current players also please note.

The 1st.XI is facing a real challenge this season to establish itself in Senior Division 3 of the Old Boys' League. Having won promotion to such exalted company, three of the players from last season's team have moved on - Dave Burnham to take up a teaching post in the North and Paul Hinson and Joe McElligott to play for Corinthian Casuals. Our best wishes go with them all, but it certainly makes the task harder and we wish they would come back . . . !

Down from that level, our 2nd, 3rd and 4th.XI's are playing in the various reaches of the South divisions of the League and the 5th.XI has a programme of friendly fixtures against new and untried opposition.

So come along and join us - there must be a place for you somewhere in those teams.

Or, perhaps you would care to try your hand at refereeing. Suddenly this season there is a desperate shortage of referees in the League and the Football section would be pleased to hear from anyone who might be able to help us out. If you are uncertain of your ability in that direction the 5th.XI don't often molest referees and would be delighted to welcome you!

Finally, don't forget Boxing Day morning at Norbury. There will be the usual football extravaganza staged as an excuse to open the Bar. So whether you are interested in football or not, make a note to come along and join in the festivities. Everyone welcome, and bring wives, girl friends and children, too.

Derek Rowe,
Football Secretary.

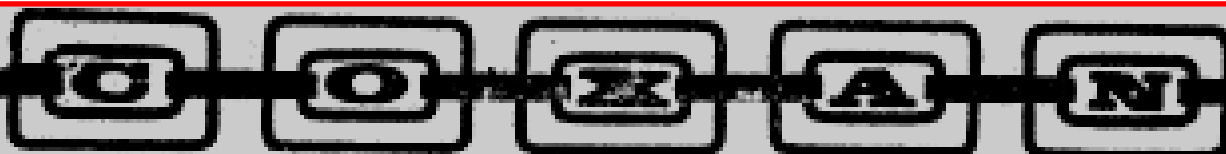
6. 1975 COXAN - Personalia - lovely in pink

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- **Congratulations for academic prowess go to NOEL DOLAN (1968) who has gained an M.A. in Politics at Edinburgh University and is now working for the Civil Service Part time.
- **Congratulations of a different kind (and for a different kind of prowess!) go to Gill and JOHN GILHOOLY (1962) on the birth of a son Keith in August. He's a fine looking baby - well in the tradition of the renowned Gilberthoelys!
- **ALAN FULKER (1964) has moved to Teddington (nr. Danstable) but is reported to be continuing to play Football.
- **Other movers north include Maureen and PETER MURPHY (1957) who've moved from a house within a stones throw of the Norbury Clubhouse - to one over 100 miles away and a long stones throw from the Bullring in Birmingham. The only trouble is they haven't given us the exact address.
- **Returning to the fold and particularly the Football-playing fold are PHIL STOKES (1972), FRANK RYAN (1974) and PETER KING (1969) whilst PAUL HIXSON (1969) is training with Corinthian Casuals in preparation for playing for them in the 1975/76 season.
- **Another mover is DAVE BURGILAM ex- member of the College Staff (hence an Honorary Member) and an ex 1st XI centre forward whose has gone to Rothesay.
- **More congratulations on the births side go to Ann and JOHN KEENAN who proudly announce the arrival of a new baby keenan- to quote John "Mother and child are doing well and Father's not too bad"!
- **CHRIS ENNIS has been appointed Director of Finance for the Shetlands and reports from there that the isla is currently fogbound (no planes) under seige (bomb scare on the mail boat) and without telephones (undersea cable broken. We hope that things are better now Chris - we did get your letter and hope you receive this Coxan -we have no news of the Letter to ex-Chairman brother TOM and can only conclude that the bottle containing it missed the Thames Estuary and is now clogging the barges on the Rhine.
- **Nice to hear from EUGENE SMYTH who is now living in Redhill, Surrey. Eug. concluded his letter by expressing the hope that he would see the Association in the not to distant future.
- **Nice also to hear from Brother Ambrose writing on behalf of both himself and Brother Danstan letting us know how much they both enjoy keeping in touch with the Association via Coxan and wishing both the Association and its members and the College in its new clothes every best wish for the future. I'm sure those sentiments are reciprocated by the Association and am equally sure that any old Boy who happens to be near Mayfield College would be sure of a warm welcome from the Brothers if he could drop in. Brother Ambrose concluded his letter by asking Members to remember the Brothers both past and present in their prayers.
- **Meanwhile up in Manchester Bro, CHRISTOPHER is making himself well at home- needless to say our best wishes go also to him and to JOHN GIBB who having intended to retire to Hordham somehow took the wrong road and is now in South Wales - a nine iron from the nearest golf-course.
- **More recruits for the Football section include GERRY CROWLEY, PAT O'BRIEN (1974) and MICK (1973) and TOM McLOUGHLIN (1974).
- **Another recruit for the College is KEVIN (Charlie) BOND (1971) who is teaching Geography



CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER No. 2/70

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BROTHERS FAREWELL DINNER

20th. JUNE

As every member will know, the Brothers are leaving Clapham this summer. To mark this sad occasion in the history of the College the Association in conjunction with the Staff of the College are giving the Brothers a Farewell Dinner. Every member has been circularised with the details of this event together with many others who will wish to be associated with this tribute. The response to the invitations at the time of writing has been magnificent, and has already ensured that the evening will be the largest gathering of friends of the Brothers in the life of the College.

Fortunately, the accommodation booked at the Connaught Rooms is sufficiently elastic to hold everyone who will want to attend, and there is still time for bookings to be made. The date of the Dinner is Saturday 20th. June, reception at 7.15 to 7.45 p.m., and the bar will remain open till midnight. As Dave Martin will be away during the period immediately preceding the Dinner, all late enquiries should be directed to Tony Horrish, 51 Alderbrook Road, S.W.12. (tel. 673 4293 or 636 8698 ex.383). Directions to the Connaught Rooms are given in the map below.

Connaught Rooms
Great Queen St. W.C.2



APPOINTMENT OF NEW HEADMASTER

CONGRATULATIONS

The departure of the Brothers will herald a new era in the life of Clapham College. Of the number of new Staff appointments to be made before the beginning of the next College year the most important has been announced, and the Committee on behalf of the members of the Association would like to take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Cecil Peacock on his appointment as Headmaster of the College.

8. The 1970 COXA Darts Tournament

DARTS TOURNAMENT

CLUBHOUSE NORBURY

3rd. JULY

Everyone who fancies he can throw a reasonably straight 'arrer' is invited to show off his skill at the Clubhouse, Norbury on 3rd. July. The rest of us who specialise in constructive critical comment are also invited to give the benefit of our experience to the competitors. Participants and guests are guaranteed a blend of sporting and social entertainment never before produced at Norbury. The evening will be mellowed with liquid and solid refreshments.

An entry form for competitors is provided at the bottom of this page, and should be returned to Phil Roderick-Jones (288 1889). The cost of demonstrating your skill is 3/- payable on the night. The first dart will be thrown at 8.00 p.m. and the competition operated on a knock-out basis. Please come and enjoy yourself either playing or watching.



The School Play carries on this year as it has done since 1962, thanks to the co-operation of a group of boys and masters; yet their work is in vain unless the production receives your generous support.

This year's dramatic production is 'The Duke in Darkness' by Patrick Hamilton (author of 'The Rope'). The Duke will be incarcerated on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10th, 11th, and 12th. December. The Performances start at 7.30p.m. and admission is by programme costing five shillings each.

Do please give us your support. I am certain that you will find the play very enjoyable.

Yours sincerely,

James E. Cronin (Sixth Form)
Producer.

An order form for the Play appears at the end of COXAN.

MEMBERSHIP

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The Farewell Dinner for the Brothers with nearly 200 Old Boys present made me realise how many escape from the membership net, - only 123 paid last year. However, still fishing merrily I am pleased to say that we now have 29 members paying by Bankers' Order and I hope that if you haven't already done so, you will spend a few minutes to fill in the enclosed Order, and return it to me. If you are not convinced that this is the simplest and least painful way of paying your subscription, I will still be pleased to receive cheques, P.O.'s. or cash for £1 or 12/6d. if under 21 or a student.

The Clapham Old Xaverians Association & Staff



FAREWELL DINNER
to the Xaverian Brothers

PRESIDENT :

Very Rev. Bro. Godric CFX

CHAIRMAN :

A. J. Morrish, Esq.

10. Brother Godric writes the official letter that ends
the Xaverian presence at Clapham College after 73 years

Bestbeech, St. Mary
WADKURST,
Sussex

19 February 1970

To the parents of the boys, to the Old Boys
to the friends of the school

At the commencement of the next school-year, in September 1970, Clapham College will become a Diocesan School. Under the care of the Diocesan Authorities the college will continue as a grammar school until such time as, in accordance with the plans already laid down for its future, it can develop into a Comprehensive School. The future of both staff and students will be completely safeguarded under this change of ownership.

The Brothers deeply regret that circumstances have brought the need for them to give up the school. Two factors have made this decision necessary. The first is the decline in the number of Xaverian Brothers in the English Province the second is the heavy financial burden which the future development of the school - involving, as it must do, great structural expansion - would have imposed upon the Brotherhood.

It is possible that some of the parents whose sons are present entrusted to the care of our Brothers may feel somewhat disturbed by our withdrawal. Let them please be assured that any such feeling is quite unnecessary, for under the Diocesan Authorities the school will continue, will expand and will prosper.

The Brothers wish to thank all those whose unfailing support and goodwill have always been so gratefully appreciated by us in the past and will continue to be remembered warmly in the future. Among these must be numbered the past and present Governors of the school, the staff, the members of the Old Boys' Association, the parents of our past and present students, and our students themselves. We are sure that this same support and goodwill will continue to be given in the future to the school and to those to whom its care will be entrusted, - and will be given as generously and spontaneously as in the past. We would like, also, on this occasion to pay grateful tribute to the London Education Authorities whose dealings with the school have always been marked by such unfailing justice and considerate helpfulness a justice and helpfulness which our Brothers will never forget.

Brother Godric, C.F.X.

Provincial

11. 1970, another final “goodbye”

COXA in the 1970s

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The last gathering of the Clapham Xaverian Brothers in London - Brother Dunstan, Brother Damien, Brother Peter, Brother Thomas-More, Brother Stephen, Brother Sylvester. Brother Ambrose and Brother Christopher could not attend due to illness. Brother Cedric, the President also attended.

12. Mid 1970s Eddie Ojak and his [rather scruffy] Prefects



13. At last - the construction of the new Dining Hall at Clapham College



1978.. COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE From time to time mention has been made of a plaque to be erected by the Association in the new College to mark the stay and passing of the Xaverian Brothers. This for several reasons has been a lengthy process but happily is now nearing fruition. The wording and artwork are complete, and the engravers are ready. Hopefully the plaque will be ready in the next two or three months and can be erected in the College. We believe that the College will also have a plaque as a twin of that of the Association's which will link the old St. Gerard's with the new College - thus the strands will be drawn together and permanently recorded. We hope that later this year visitors including Old Boys and particularly those Old Xaverians who were taught there by the Xaverian Brothers will be able to see both plaques.

14. Their names will last forever, the Plaques at S.F.X



LCC MAY END BOYS' TRUDGE

Catholic Herald Reporter

TWO HUNDRED Clapham College boys, who have to walk two miles a day for their mid-day meal, heard good news this week. The LCC education committee has promised to do everything possible to build them a new canteen in the school-grounds.

For the past twelve years, the boys have truded a mile each way for lunch from their school in Nightingale Lane to another school in Cavendish Road. Since there is no public transport, they have to walk.

Bro. Ambrose, C.F.X., the headmaster, told me: "When the weather is good, the boys enjoy the walk. But when it is bad, it is miserable for them".

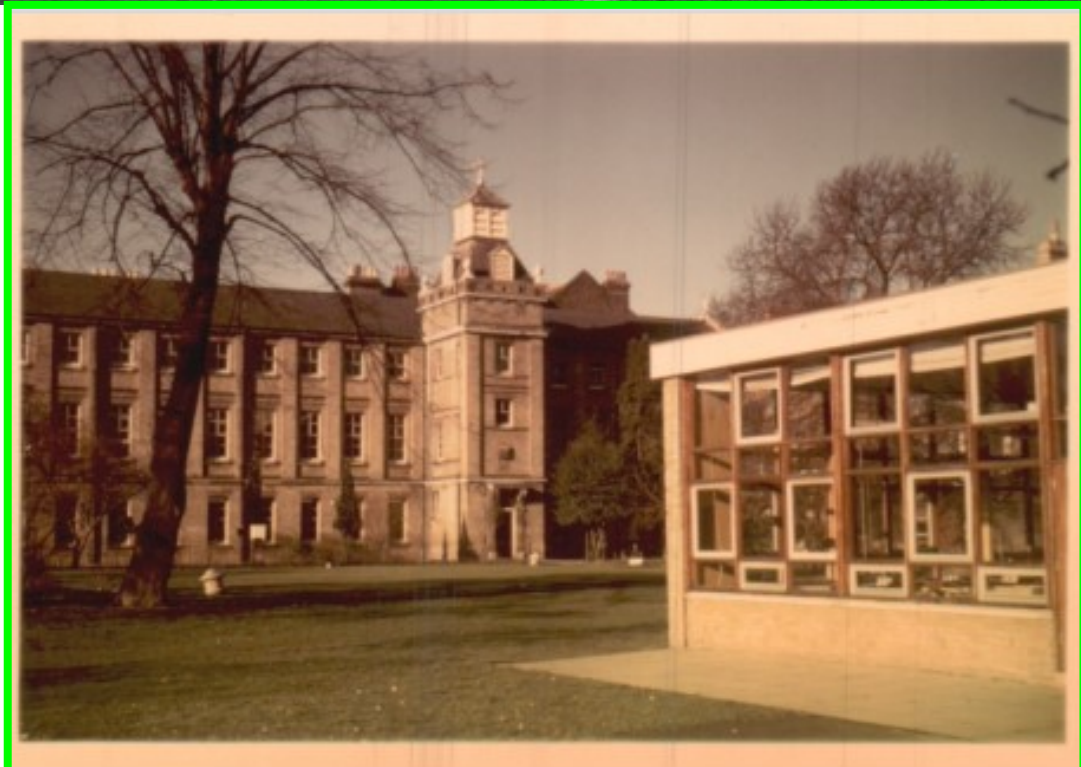
A new canteen was included in the 1959-60 Ministry building programme. Kitchen equipment was ordered and delivered. Then the grants were slashed and the canteen project was dropped.

The LCC new move followed the receipt of a letter by every member of the education committee from Bro. David, C.F.X., chairman of the school governing board. The letter also pointed out that as long ago as 1949, the school's sanitary facilities had been described as unsatisfactory.

Mrs. Marjorie McIntosh, chairman of the LCC committee, said she agreed that the points made by the school were "urgent".

1963 article—
another 10-year
wait

16. After nearly 80 years without anywhere for the boys to dine, a new Dining Room and kitchen was opened on the Nightingale Lane site, only for it to be demolished 18 months later.



17. 1970s Concordia - Chairman's Report

EDITORIAL

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After nearly three-quarters of a century the Brothers have left the College. No one who was privileged to attend the College during this period can be completely objective about the unique contribution the Brothers have made to Catholic secondary education. Throughout a period of profound educational and social change the Brothers have served their pupils, and the Catholic community with selfless dedication. It is difficult, in these days of universal free secondary education, to appreciate that when the Brothers came to Clapham in 1897 the State did not provide secondary education and there was little Catholic education beyond the primary level.

We Clapham Old Xaverians, are united by a deep sense of gratitude to the Brothers. Although the College has evolved through many phases, the help and encouragement given by the Brothers is an experience we hold in common. This issue of Concordia unashamedly discards the accepted format to recall the history of the College and our shared memories.

While freely acknowledging our debt to the Brothers, we must not ignore the immense challenge now confronting Catholic education and the College in particular. The College is extremely fortunate in having such an able and experienced headmaster. Mr. C. A. Pocock is a well established friend of the Association who can be assured of our sincere good wishes and continuing support.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1970. A difficult year to report on by any standard.

1970. A milestone in the history of the Association and in the history of Clapham College.

1970. An end of the long history of devoted and loving service of the Xaverian Brothers at Clapham.

But, 1970 was not and will not be the end of either the Association, Clapham College or our links with the Xaverian Brothers. It is the intention of your Committee that every effort will be made to secure that this is so.

May I deal firstly and briefly with Association matters in general. It was not a year of outstanding achievement and from time to time one experienced disappointment and frustration. We continue, for example, with a low level of memberships (only around a 100); we continued to make a loss at the Club House and it was still difficult to persuade vast crowds to come to our Annual Dinner.

18. Chairman reflects on the Xaverian Brothers leaving Clapham

Nevertheless, one must keep these things in perspective and in the overall view of the Association things are much the same as they always were for we continued.

We continued to demonstrate a strong wish for the welfare of the College—the Careers Evening being a good example—and we continued to have the support of the College—we ran a dance at the Dining Centre which has been remembered by all as an outstanding event; particularly as one had the feeling of being on home grounds. We continued to show affection and gratitude to the Xaverian Brothers.

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19. Concordia 1976, Chairman reflects on Brother's leaving Clapham

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These speeches were somewhat inadequately linked by the Chairman, who relayed messages from the Clergy of the Parish of the Holy Ghost, Balham, and from persons unable to attend.

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Your Committee intend, as I have said, to see that this is done; let us, in turn, have your support.

It is our intention with the permission of the Headmaster and with the help of our Members to set up a fund at the College to perpetuate the name of the Xaverian Brothers at the College. If you would like to help (and why shouldn't you?) please let us have your contributions.

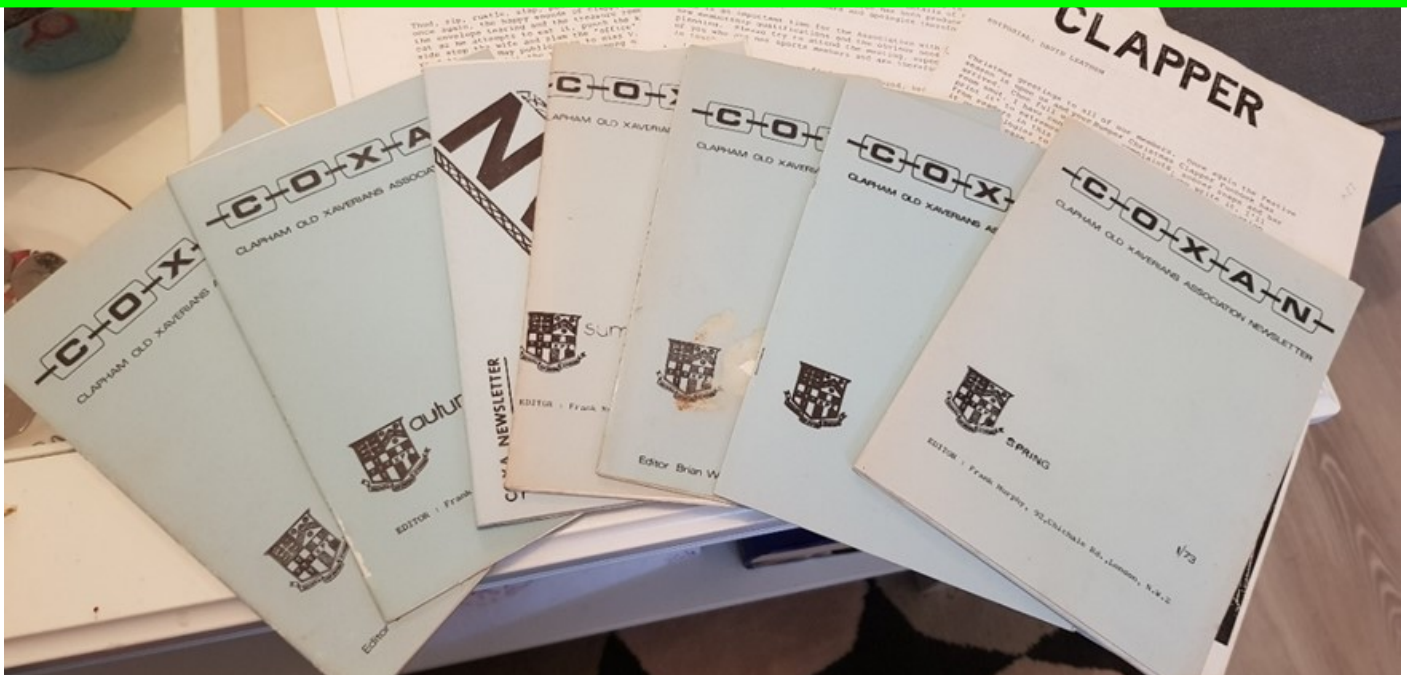
THE COLLEGE, 1897 - 1970 :

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In 1895, when Brother Gabriel came to England from Belgium as Provincial of the Xaverian Brothers, there were few day-schools for Catholics beyond the elementary schools. In fact the State did not concern itself with education until after the turn of the century. Clapham at that time was, in the words of Brother Dunstan . . .

"a residential area, with open spaces and fields interspersed with large estates and private mansions. One of the most handsome of these buildings was Nightingale Hall, now the present college, whose classical façade is familiar to all who regularly use Nightingale Lane."

20. The seventies - Old Boys Publications - COXANS and CLAPPERS



SPRING BALL As many Members will know, this year's Spring Ball had to be cancelled at the last moment due to lack of support. A great deal of time, energy and money were wasted and naturally all those closely involved were very disappointed. Before spending further time and effort in trying to recoup the Association's losses, the Committee invites you to help by completing and returning the questionnaire which forms the last page of this issue. The response by Members to this request and their interest in the results are both vital if the Association is to survive in the 70's. **We Did!**

1. **BARBQUE and RIVER BOAT SHUFFLE** Only COXA could arrange a riverboat shuffle in **NOVEMBER** and an evening BBQ at the end of August. Despite the ridiculous timing, the BBQ was perhaps the most successful venture ever held at Norbury. (That's if you exclude every Saturday Night after football). Over 80 people were served with steak, sausages, onions, salad, French bread and a glass of wine for the unbelievable price of 75p. The catering was organised by Phil Roderick-Jones, ably assisted by 'Cat' and Mark Roszkowski - A superb job carried out in near darkness. One of the dressing rooms was converted to a mini "Cats Whiskers" and dancing followed to the sound of the HIXSON tapes. The Bar takings of £125 were a record for Norbury.
2. If the BBQ was the most successful event at Norbury, the Riverboat Shuffle on 21st November was one of the most successful elsewhere. Midst dire warnings to "wear something warm for there isn't any protection" on a bitterly cold November night 150 members and guests packed into a 100 ft Thames pleasure cruiser - glass enclosed with a Disco which soon found its correct r.p.m. and promptly raised the temperature to about 90°F. Clothing became divested quickly, the Bar's greatest problem was collecting empty tins, and all in all it was a great evening including the 100 Club Draw and a grand raffle. Well done Scotty and helpers — just one thing — can we do it again in the Summer?
3. **BOXING DAY** The Boxing Day festivities at Norbury last year consisted of Knockout Football, Darts Matches, and Beer Swilling (thank you, Mrs. Gore for mopping up), with 70 persons packed into the Norbury Clubhouse. The keen, energetic footballers were divided into four teams: **The Old Old Boys, The Hairy—faced Mob, The Sydenham Girl Punters, The Sprogs.**

21. The 1972 Hairy XI "and the 1979 "Five-side-winners"



THE BEARDS - BOXING DAY 1972 - BACK ROW: BRIAN BAKER, TADEUSZ CIECHANOWICZ, MICK POWDER, WILSON BOWERS, JOCK SMULLEN, GERRY HICKY, TERRY PRICE - FRONT ROW: AL WEBBER, PAUL TEHAN, JOHN MANSI, STANLEY MILLER AND MICK DUFFY.

JOSEPHIAN'S 6-A-SIDE 1979/80

STANDING - JOHN MCGOWAN; RAMON TABBERT; CHRIS TAYLOR; WILSON BOWERS
FRONT - JOE M'ELLIGOT; BREN WILLIAMS; JOHN LEATHAM



22. Changes at the Clapham and “Not getting the Governor’s Fund -70s Concordia

1970 Mr. C. Pocock, headmaster 1975 St. Gerard's School, Clapham Common South side is merged with Clapham College. Mr Gleeson headmaster of St. Gerard s becomes headmaster of combined schools with Mr. Pocock and Mr. Price (formerly of St. Gerard's) as Deputy Headmasters. New houses are set up named: Anselm. Gerard, Xavier, More. Patron Saint of combined schools, St. Oliver Plunkett. Original badge and motto retained. 1976 New school buildings are opened in the grounds of Clapham College, Broadoak is given up and Hollywood used as a temporary 6th form block. 1977 Hollywood Is given up, the Chapel and Old School building are reconditioned and re-opened, 1,000 on roll.

Solicitor’s Letter on Building Fund [you’re not getting it!]

RE: CLAPHAM COLLEGE BUILDING FUND. However it is in my opinion reasonably clear that the fund was raised by the Xaverian Brothers in order to focus such expenditure on building by way of extension or reconstruction of Clapham College as they might have to incur in consequence of the Acts I have mentioned or one of them. The purpose of the fund was in my opinion charitable: and it was a purpose which did not fail at the outset. My preliminary view is that it failed subsequently when the Xaverian Brothers ceased to carry on a school at Clapham College; and thereupon the fund in my opinion became applicable because it appears to be evident that all the donors gave their donations on the footing that they were parting for good with the moneys which they donated. I cannot advise that the Xaverian Brothers could safely and properly apply the fund for their general educational purposes on the strength of the opinion I have expressed above, if for no other-reason than that such an application would be a cy-pres application. That the Diocesan Trustees would not oppose such an application does not resolve the matter. On my present information I think that the proper course is for the trustees of the fund to apply by originating summons in the Chancery Division for determination of the question (putting it broadly) whether the fund is now applicable cy-pres, and for a scheme.

The defendants would be a donor (to represent all the donors), the Diocesan Trustees, and the Attorney-General. Before settling any proceedings, I would require such further information as is available: and that can most conveniently be considered at a conference at which Mr. Quinn should be present. It would be desirable that he should have with him such papers and documents as he considers might in any way be relevant J. Finlay Lincoln's Inn Fields
q October 1971

23. More “snippets” on the Old Boys 1970s

SPRING BALL As many Members will know, this year's Spring Ball had to be cancelled at the last moment due to lack of support. A great deal of time, energy and money were wasted and naturally all those closely involved were very disappointed. Before spending further time and effort in trying to recoup the Association's losses, the Committee invites you to help by completing and returning the questionnaire which forms the last page of this issue. The response by Members to this request and their interest in the results are both vital if the Association is to survive in the 70's. **We Did!**

BARBQUE and RIVER BOAT SHUFFLE Only COXA could arrange a riverboat shuffle in NOVEMBER and an evening BBQ at the end of August. Despite the ridiculous timing, the BBQ was perhaps the most successful venture ever held at Norbury. (That's if you exclude every Saturday Night after football). Over 80 people were served with steak, sausages, onions, salad, French bread and a glass of wine for the unbelievable price of 75n. The catering was organized by Phil Roderick-Jones, ably assisted by 'Cat' and Mark Roszkowski - A superb job carried out in darkness. One of the dressing rooms was converted to a mini "Cats Whiskers" and dancing followed to the sound of the HIXSON tapes. Bar takings of £125 - a Norbury record. If the BBQ was the most successful event at Norbury, the Riverboat Shuffle on 21st November was one of the most successful elsewhere. Midst dire warnings to "wear something warm for there isn't any protection" on a bitterly cold November night 150 members and guests packed into a 100 ft Thames pleasure cruiser - glass enclosed with a Disco which soon found its correct r.p.m. and promptly raised the temperature to about 90°F. Clothing became divested quickly, the Bar's greatest problem was collecting empty tins, and all in all it was a great evening including the 100 Club Draw and a grand raffle. Well done Scotty and helpers - just one thing — can we do it again in the Summer?

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24. Bob's Boys - he changed Clapham - "Rugby" ..for God's sake - at the College!

id presenting our School Team of the Month



These 13-year-olds from Clapham College look happy . . . and so they should. They have won our School Team of the Month award

BOB'S BOYS GET TOUGH

Clarion's goals
aces win Ba
of the Mont

By VIC ROBBIE

BOB JAMES, a former Pontypool fly-half, thought the boys of Clapham College, London, where he is now the games master, needed a bit of toughening up.

He says: "I thought they were fairly soft and not really aggressive sportsmen, so I introduced Rugby."

And that sport's competitive demands have helped their second-year Soccer side to win the Daily Mirror's School Team

of the Month award for their character, sportsmanship and skill.

James, 25, explained: "We are a small school and as I do not have many boys to pick from, most of the football team play for the Rugby side."

"I firmly believe Rugby hardens them physically and also teaches them discipline. Now if they're tackled hard

in football, they take it. There's no complaining . . . they just get on with the game.

"And they behave themselves. You don't see Rugby players arguing with the referee. They accept his decisions—and that's what my boys do."

Despite their lack of facilities—they have to travel thirty minutes by bus for training—the thirteen-year-olds, captained by centre back Nicholas Green, are undefeated after ten games.

They've scored thirty-nine

goals—winger Arthur Williams is top-scorer—and conceded seventeen.

Now they have won our November award and a complete strip for twelve players in the school's colours.

James adds: "Winning the Mirror award is great. I'm very pleased for the boys."

As one reader wrote: "The boys of Clapham are a credit to their school. On the field they set an example that many professional players would do well to follow."

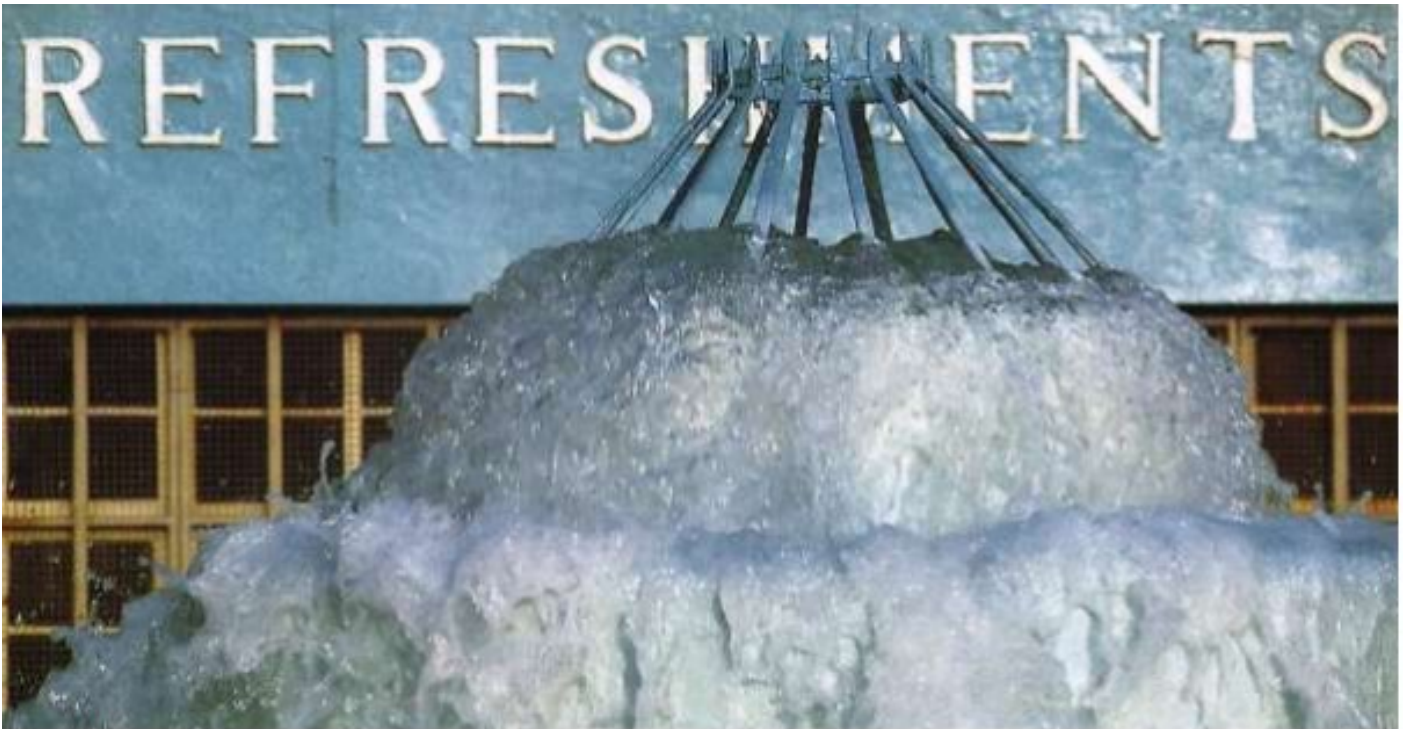
RUGBY also plays a part in the success of Clarion Juniors from Kingston, Surrey.

For the safe hands of goalkeeper J. Butler, who plays Rugby for Surrey school, has given this team of 16-year-olds the confidence to concentrate attack. In the last two years they have won twelve trophies.

DAILY MIRROR. 6.12.74



25. July at Clapham College meant Tooting Bec Lido



And talking Tooting Bec Lido in the 1970s, this was 100% “Bob’s Place”.. Early morning to late in the afternoon..”boys” meeting him there. As it cut down on the driving [for him”. By the end of July his tan was dark bronze.

26. 1970s Staff v School Match

COLLEGE

Scandal! For several years there has been a Staff v. College football match, but this year has seen an escalation of the conflict with some quite surprising results. This not entirely unconnected with the result of the Football Match when the normally successful Staff XI lost 6 - 1. The only staff goal came from **Graham Hudson** (cannoning in off his back in general and from between his shoulder blades in particular actually). The Staff faced severe problems it must be said however - not least in persuading their players to stay in position. It even reached such a pitch (sorry about that pun) that at halftime when someone remarked that the mid-field was not doing its job.

Mick Casserly (Chemistry) caustically re-joined "Yeah that's because he's tired". As a result of this debacle when the 3rd year issued a challenge to the staff to play them at (what?) it was accepted with enthusiasm. Ten staff members entered and many actually went into training, starting by learning which end of the bat to hold. Ante-post favourites were **Hank Nanecek** (Science) on the Staff side and Derek Fernandes on the Distaff or College Side. Fernandes beat Haneek and Reda in successive rounds and also put the Bookies out of business. Hank remarked "There's no way that guy can lose this" - a remark which proved less than prophetic. Meanwhile a new Staff favourite had emerged **Sushil Solomon** (Maths.) was winning his matches easily - the bookies came back into gear then he lost narrowly to Fernandes in the semi-final (Bookies out of business again), while **Fr. Hung (French) beat Graham Hudson (Economics)** in the other semi-final. To many people's surprise the final resulted in a narrow victory for Fr. Hung - a triumph for oriental inscrutability since no-one knew he could even play the game. A seven-a-side rugby game with nine-a-side (are you still with us -read it again slowly) followed. The Staff seemed to know more about the game but were not quick enough to catch the School wing - **James McGowan**. **Eric Tople** distinguished himself with some purposeful running then his captain pointed out the game was rugby and Eric retorted by scoring two tries (who says the College were scared to tackle him?). The final score was 12-12 and whilst neither side contrived at a draw the Referee (**Bro. Christopher**) looked very smug as he left the field.

The last confrontation was in the rarefied atmosphere of the School Library across a bridge table. Bridge has enjoyed tremendous popularity recently at the College as a result of the work of Sushil Solomon who started our Bridge Club. Three pairs from the Staff and three from the Sixth Form played. On the first table Casserly and Solomon drew; on the second **John Gibb and Graham Hudson** won) but the third table was a shambles. **Kevin McGlynn (Religion) and Col Garvey** (who as every old boy knows is a sort of general layabout) were meant to be playing but substitutes were continually introduced. There was even an allegation of fixing the cards after Kevin had picked up the top seven seeds, - fortunately a Maverick type showdown was avoided. A Member of the Lower VIth was later ostracised by his classmates when he was found to be responsible - all this was unknown to the beneficiaries of course. In the remainder of the year the Staff have to face the replay of the Football Match - and they do some with some trepidation - indeed there is even talk of playing ringers. Old Boys and those with a connection with the College. "Didn't Bonetti go the Xaverian College Manchester. What's he do on Wednesdays?"

27. 1975—The reorganised school Report

" Initially, the school will take an annual eight-form intake and, while this lasts, St. Gerard's will continue to be used as a junior annexe for the first two years of intake. At some time in the future (and it will be a long time) the Salesian College is due to be expanded into a six-form entry comprehensive school. When this materialises, the St. Gerard's site will be abandoned and the whole school, now with only six forms of entry, will be contained on the one site. "

The school will of course be radically different to that which we have all known. It will have 1,400 boys (ultimately dropping to 1,200) instead of 380. It will be comprehensive and not selective in character. But it would be foolish and self-defeating to indulge in an orgy of nostalgic regret for the passing of what has been. In some ways, we have had it a bit too soft at Clapham. It has been all too easy, both for student and teacher, to sit back in our quiet little backwater and accept grossly inadequate buildings and facilities as something almost to be proud of.

Yes, there has been a happy atmosphere in the school (at times!). Relationships between staff and pupils have been exceptionally cordial on the whole. But these are intangibles which need not disappear in the new school. And they will now be allied to a range and standard of facilities which will be unrivalled in this part of London. Furthermore, the school will be based on two flourishing, existing schools with good standards of academic attainment and discipline and, a very important factor, drawing their intake from the same primary schools. Thus, there will be no forced and hence unhappy marriage of schools without any natural affinity or common basis and interests.

"The opportunities for teachers and pupils will be immense. The potential is unlimited. Rather than regretting the past, all of us who love Clapham must set out to realise that potential to the full. In Sept 1973, only two members of staff left the College this summer and that is gratifying to note in these days of high staff turnover within the Inner London Education Authority's area. **Dave Burnham** landed a job as Head of French at Kennington School (where among others in his Department is one **Rudolph Massara**) and History teacher, **John Kirby** was replaced by **Mr Kuligowski**. To emphasise still further the international aspect of the staff - England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Yorkshire and India are already represented - **Mr. Hanaczek** from Canada joined the Science Department and **Father Hung**, a Redemptorist priest from Vietnam, arrived at the College via English Martyrs' Walworth, and St. Mary's College, Twickenham, to teach French. Advance reports about Fr. Hung suggested that Dave Burnham may not be too sorely missed from the staff football team but there is a much greater doubt concerning cricket.

The only other change was a purely internal one. It is no longer a closely guarded secret that **Brother Christopher** has now reached the magic milestone of retirement age. Consequently, although he is to carry on teaching at the College, he surrenders the responsibility of Head of Department to **Mike Scanlon**.

28. Another account of the Reception for the Brothers and the new School

On June 20th, 1970 the Clapham Old Xaverian Association held a farewell dinner to thank the Brothers before their withdrawal from Clapham. The dinner was held at the Connaught Rooms and was attended by over two hundred persons. A striking feature of the evening was the series of tributes to the Brothers and their work paid by six Old Boys each of whom represented an era in the life of the school from the present day back almost to its foundation seventy-three years ago.

Warm references were made to the Brothers who had served on the Clapham Staff during the years, and a prolonged ovation was given to **Brother Dunstan** when he rose to reply to the speeches. The evening did not end until midnight, when the Connaught Rooms closed. The Dinner really was a splendid occasion, and despite/sombre motive of the function it was a time for meeting old acquaintances and for renewing friendships with the Brothers end contemporaries. Great to see such a large crowd of Old Boys wishing to thank the Brothers and to bid them 'au revoir'. We can all look back on an education given by the Brothers at Clapham we will always be Old Xaverians and proud of it.

Summer 1973 THE NEW CLAPHAM COLLEGE - THE PLANS ARE UNVEILED

A school with unlimited potential and immense opportunities for teachers and pupils. That is how headmaster, **Mr. Pocock** see the Clapham College of the future. A college with nearly 1,500 pupils and a standard of facilities unrivalled in south-west London. Building work for the new school is soon to begin. Preparatory work is already under way. The headmaster describes this work and the school as it will be: " The first steps will be to provide a new playground in land acquired behind Clapham Mansions and to arrange access to this land and another entrance to the laboratory block; then to demolish the dining centre (alas) and replace it with a temporary wooden structure to which meals will have to be brought from outside.

" Construction work will then start on the main school buildings which will be situated on the present playground site and at right angles to it where the dining room and long and high jump pits are now situated. When these blocks are complete, the present laboratory will be demolished, and the final buildings completed in the form of an extension to the present main classroom block. So, at the end of the day, the school will be an H-shaped building. "

The main building, to be situated on the playground site, will be four-storied and will house the administration complex (headmaster's study, secretarial offices and so on) staff accommodation, the library, various classrooms and, on the top floor, seven laboratories.

" The building on the present dining centre site will be three-storied and will house the new dining centre and all the art, craft, mechanical and technical units together with the music centre. " The remaining wing (the present school block and its new extension) will be divided into the present school building, which will be entirely re-designed internally to provide a sixth-form unit, with common rooms and tutorial and classrooms; and beyond this will come the gymnasium, auditorium and, last of all, a sports hall.

" I have given only the barest outline of the provision planned for this school. There will be many ancillary rooms in addition to a computer terminal room, a careers room, year rooms and so on. "

29. The Clapham College Staff 1971 - many moved to the new building

So, the school will be a fine building with outstanding facilities in every sphere. It has been planned that every room will look out on to open space. The main entrance to the school, says the headmaster, will be in Malwood Road. " As soon as the main buildings have been completed, all use will be given up of Broadoak and Hollywood which will revert to diocesan use. Indeed, the junior seminarians from the Southwark Archdiocese will be moving into Broadoak in September. The main playground area will be on the new land acquired, bordered by the backs of Malwood Road, Alderbrook Road and Clapham Mansions.



Clapham College staff in the mid-1970s



30. COXAN October 1975 - More Personalia

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- **JIM HOWARD (or rather his wife Jenny) has given birth to a baby son - Nigel. Congratulations and best wishes to the newest representative and his parents of this far flung section of the Association.
- **JOHN QUIRK (1959) was married during October we hear - mainly because of the sound of the riotous reception in Greenwich. So riotous was it that everyone forgot to give me the lucky girls name.
- **Also recently married - JOE DUNTHY (1974) who now has a wife Christine to look after him. He needs it apparently - he got married with a leg in a plaster cast. (Colin Garvey who gave me this piece of news added that no doubt I could make some rude comment about this but you my regular readers know that such an impertinence would be out of place - and so now doubt was the plaster cast!)
- **Congratulations to RICH CLARK (1967) and his wife Liv who has just given birth to a daughter - Louise.
- **News of the 1975 leavers:

DESMOND ATKINSON is at Birmingham studying Geography
JOEN BURKE is at Loughborough studying Civil Engineering
PAUL CORCORAN is at Kent studying Chemical Engineering
RICHARD HARRIS is at Kent studying Politics and Economics
JAN LUBA is at LSE studying Law
DERMOT McCABE is at Warwick studying History
PETER McCABE is at Hull studying Economics
PETER MARTIN is at Kent studying American History
JOHN MEANEY is at Salford doing Social Studies
ANTHONY O'SHEA is at Essex studying History and Politics
SEAN SULLIVAN is at Kent studying Economics
TOMACZ SZTOLC is at Queen Mary College LONDON but we don't know what he is studying-neither do we know what KAJEK OSTROWSKI is doing at the same college but we're assured that he is now doing a full time course. OSSIE left C.1963.

Of the above it is heartening to see so many studying Economics -we may need them -if wh last till they've finished their studies! Unfortunately of the above only one has managed to pay a sub. which brings us full circle to where I started this issue of Coxan - please pay a sub. - use the following Bankers Order and save all round. This form when completed should be sent to Ted Hayter or given to any member of the Committee -or why not bring it along in person to the Annual Mass.



31. 1977 - Letter from Mr Gleeson Headmaster of the "new" Clapham College
- thanking them for support. Mr Graham Hudson, in charge of 6th Form

Inner London Education Authority



CLAPHAM COLLEGE

MALWOOD ROAD, LONDON SW12 8EN

Headmaster: M. GLEESON, B.A.

Telephone: 81-471 7000

21st February 1977.

Mr D.M. Martin,
59 Thornhill,
North Weald Bassett,
Essex.

Dear Mr Martin,

I want to thank the Clapham Old Xaverians' Association and your good self for the wonderful contribution which you have made to us. It will be devoted entirely to the Chapel Fund; as will most of our fundraising ventures over the next couple of years (apart from Lenten Contributions to the Southwark Children's fund). We are proud of the Chapel and we hope that it will continue to be the focal point of the Old Boys' spiritual association with both past, present and future pupils and teachers. Its use is restricted at the moment because of rebuilding in that wing; but we are confident that, after Easter, it will become fully available.

I am as anxious as you are to see that suitable efforts are made to recruit pupils to the Association and you may be assured of the school's active support of this and other ventures of mutual importance. You have the continued liaison with teachers who are already bona fide members of the Clapham Old Xaverians' Association, as well as the honorary membership which I understand you have accorded to my colleagues generally; and, I hope, reasonable access to the school's facilities.

As Graham Hudson is the Year Master for the Sixth Form, it should be easy to arrange suitable meetings to promote membership through him, and I look to him to foster this objective.

Many thanks again for the Association's splendid contribution to the school's Chapel Fund.

Yours very sincerely,

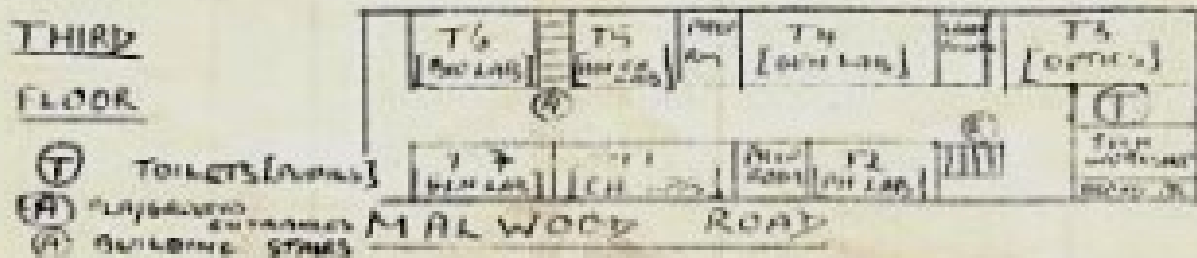
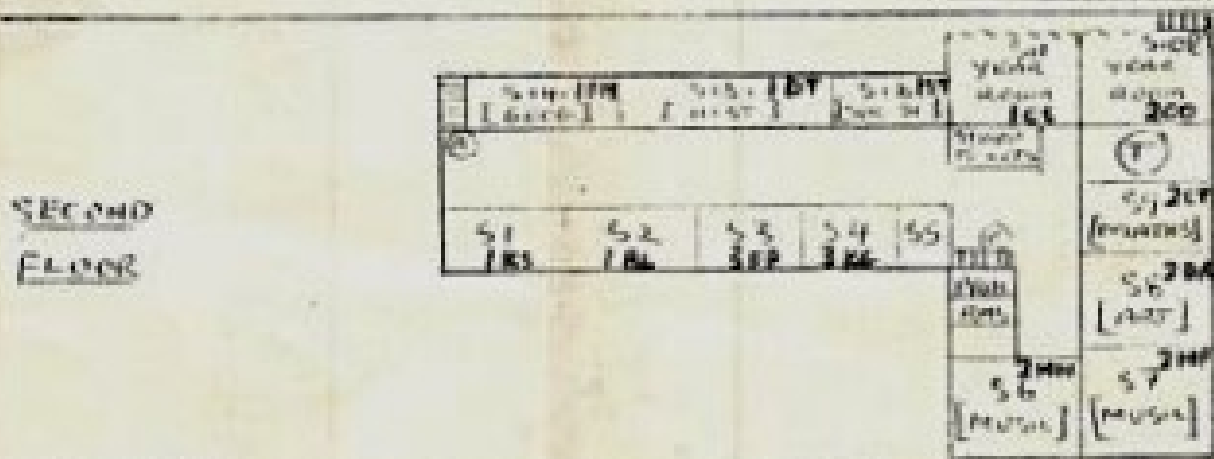
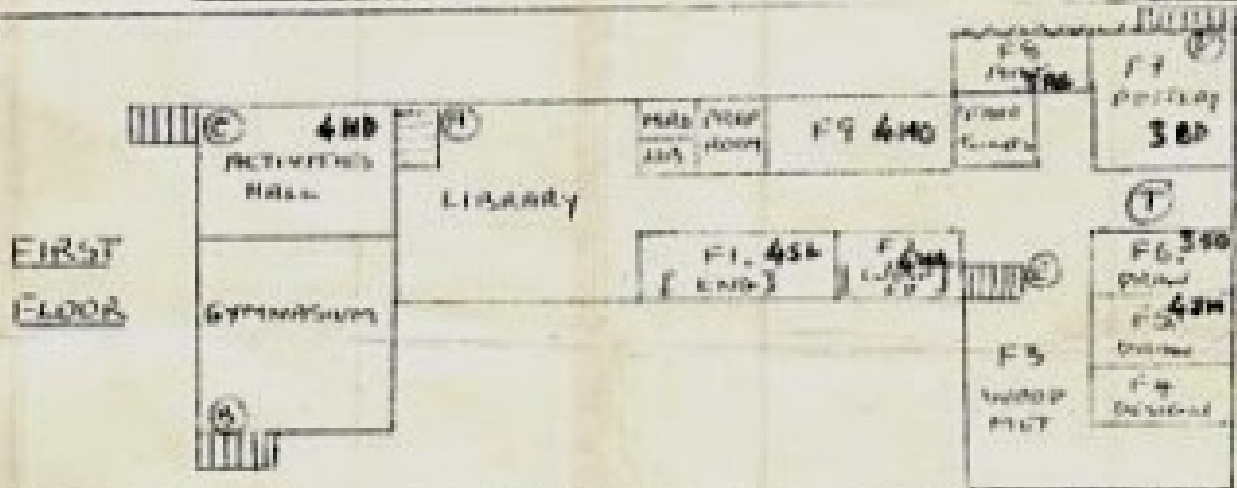
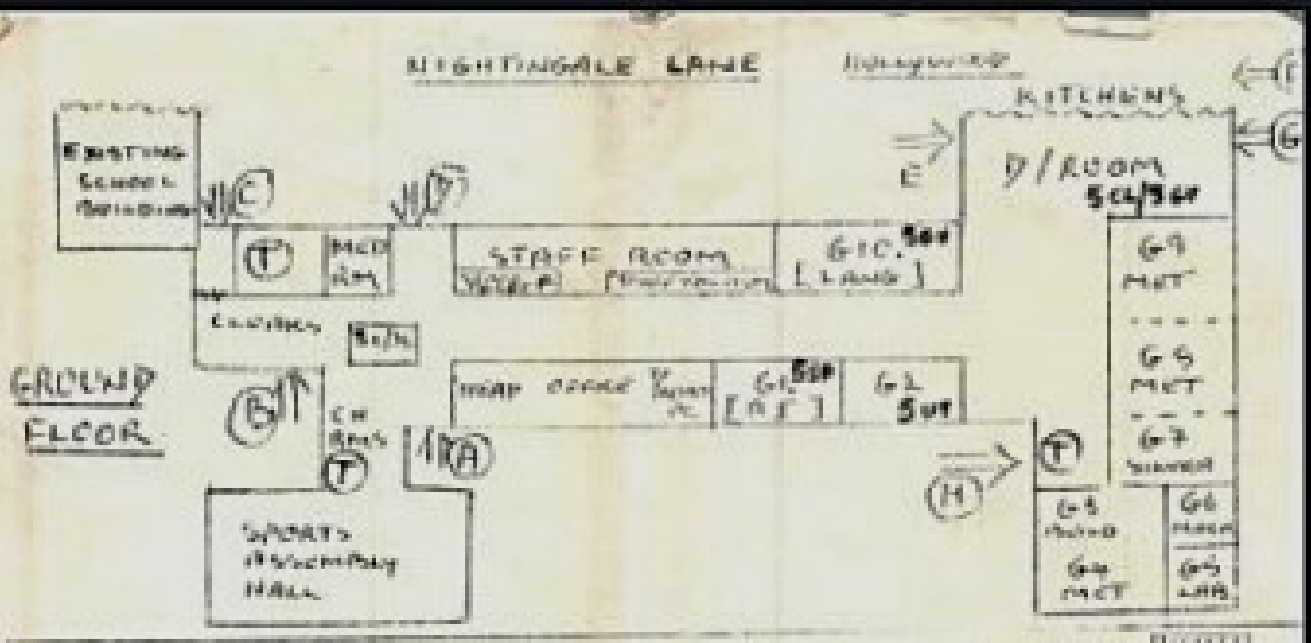
M. Gleeson

M. Gleeson,
Headmaster.

32. Compulsory Purchase plans - Clapham College 1974



33. A hand-drawn plan of the interior and classrooms in the new Clapham College Building 1975



34. 1976—Occupation of the “new” Clapham College Building

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Clapham College.

Occupation of the new buildings.

Dear Parents,

As you now know, we move into the new building at the times and on the days stated in year groups from March 1st. However, it now seems likely that certain classes may have to be sent home at very short notice, possibly for several days in some cases, as areas of the building are finished by the workmen. My colleagues and I much regret any interruption to your son's schooling and trust that he will work hard to offset this.

Thanking you again for your co-operation,

Yours sincerely,

M Gleeson

P.S. The main school kitchens will not be in operation until after Easter for school meals. Temporary arrangements will be made as from March 1st.

Comprehensive School from 1975–89

In 1975 Clapham College Grammar School amalgamated with the nearby St. Gerards RC Secondary Modern on Clapham Road to become Clapham College School for Boys RC Comprehensive. Both were voluntary aided, Inner London Education Authority/ RC Diocese managed secondary schools. In line with the general move to comprehensive education and the RC dioceses reacting to a fall in expected numbers after the baby boom.

The St Gerads site was closed, sold and demolished. The staff and pupils moved to the Clapham College site. The incumbent headmaster of St. Gerard's, Mr. M. Gleeson, became headmaster of the new amalgamated school with two deputy heads: Mr C. Pocock (pastoral) the incumbent head of the grammar school and Mr Price (administrative). Mr Price retired and was replaced twice latterly by Mr Fagen around 1981. New buildings having been built on the playing fields at the back of the old Clapham College Nightingale Lane site and the eponymously named 'Old Buildings' having been reconditioned.

The new main entrance was on Malwood Road. The new school's initial 'first year' intake was in 1976. Here it continued until 1985 when the site was designated as the site of the new Saint Francis Xavier Sixth Form College.

35. Trend setters of the 1970s fashion scene [and Cecil]



Well, someone must know? Day trip to France with Cecil, duty frees? Calais?
Flairs / Loons—dressed for the day—please help!

36. Frank Barretta, in sultry mood, at Clapham College from the start to the end of the 70s, and he provided many of the photos for this decade.



37, Frank, Mickey Burke & their old PE teacher Paul Davidson



1978 some famous Xaverians , very, very young yet still Old Boys in 2022



CLAPHAM COLLEGE 1ST XI - CIRCA 1976
JANUSZEWSKI, CREAM, BARRETTA, PURCELL, KNIGHT, O'NEIL
WILLIAMS, MCGUINNESS, O'SHEA, FLYNN, HARTNETT

38. More brilliant photos circa 1974 - Frank and boys from his Bear



39. Clapham College Prize night 1971 & 74

CLAPHAM COLLEGE



PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

in
Battersea Town Hall
on
Wednesday, 3rd March, 1971
at 7 p.m.

The 1974 Prize Winners, many of those who collected prizes were never in the Football Teams, and those who were "players" were normally defenders. Why did COXA forwards rarely win school prizes [dreamers?]?

ORDER OF EVENTS

The Chairman of the Governors (Rt. Rev. Monsignor Canon E. Mahony) and other guests will take their places.

The Headmaster (Mr. C. A. Pocock, M.A., J.P.) will present his report.

Prizes will be distributed and an address given by the Chairman of the Governors.

Following the distribution of prizes, refreshments will be served in the Dining Hall.

PRIZE LIST

1A:	S. Curtis; J. Foley; P. Heffernan; A. O'Brien.
1a	K. Branquino; J. McElhinney; A. Minvielle; A. Williams.
2A:	G. D'Souza; J. Farrell; M. Flynn; K. Jenkins.
2a	K. Arnott; M. Barker; C. Fraser; J. McGowan.
3A:	S. Connelly; J. Leathem; T. McGilly; M. Palmieri.
3a	R. Fidzuk; R. Guneratne; P. Madden; L. Slattery.
4A:	J. Bardzinski; N. Crean; J. Duncan; M. Januczewski.
4a	R. Elliott; R. Lalande; R. McGuinness; M. O'Flynn.

5th YEAR:

RELIGION:	P. Coyne	ENGLISH LITERATURE:	J. Michel
ENGLISH LANGUAGE:	D. Bradley	FRENCH:	J. Michel
LATIN:	J. Michel	BRITISH CONSTITUTION:	
HISTORY:	J. Duffy		R. Murtagh
LAW:	P. Barrett	ECONOMICS:	P. Kitson
GEOGRAPHY:	R. Murtagh	PHYSICS:	C. Fernandes
CHEMISTRY:	A. Swidzinski	BIOLOGY:	C. Fernandes
ART:	S. Marsh	MATHEMATICS:	L. Hudson
GENERAL APPLICATION:	J. Gallagher	MUSIC:	J. Michel

40 The Upper School Prize Winners 1974

"O" LEVELS

CURRENT LOWER SIXTH

J. Coll, Lan., Ec., Law	P. Martin, Lan., Lit., Fr., H., BC., G., Law, Ph., M.
C. Curran, Lan., Fr., H., BC., Ec., Law	G. Morrison, Lan., Lit., H., Art.
M. Curran, Lan., Fr., H., BC., Law, Ch. M.	R. Murphy, H., BC., G., Ph., Ch.
P. Dunne, Lan., H. B.C. Ec., M.	E. O'Brien, Fr., H., G.
M. Flaherty, Lan., BC., G., Ph., Ch., Bio., M.	E. Ojak, Lan., Lat., Fr., Po., H., BC., G., Ph., Ch., Bio., M., AM.
A. Grzenia, Lan., Po., H., BC., Ch.	M. O'Mara, Lan., Lit., H., Br., Ec., Law, M.
V. Hooks, Lan., Fr., H., BC., Law, Ph., Ch., M.	M. O'Reilly, Lan., H., BC., Fr., G., Ch.
P. Hughes, Lan., H., BC., Ec., G., Law, M.	A. Osiecki, H. BC., Ec., Law.
S. Humphreys, Lan., Lit., Fr., H., BC., G., Law, M.	N. Quinn, Lan., Fr., H., BC., G., Law, Ph., Ch., M.
A. Kavanagh, Lan., Fr., H., BC.	K. Ridge, Lan., H., G., Ch.
K. Kondziela, Lan., Po., H., BC., G.	T. Roy, Lan., Lit., H., BC., Ec., Law, G.
M. McGrath, Lan., H., BC., Ec., G., Ph., Ch., M.	J. Soroczynski, Lan., Fr., Ec., Art.
J. McGuinness, Lan., Lit., Lat., Fr., H., BC., G., Law, Ch., M.	P. Swidzinski, Lan., Fr., Po., BC., G., Ph., Ch., M., AM.
M. McKenna, Lan., H., BC., Ec., G., Law, Art.	A. Szkopiak, Lan., Po., H., BC., G., Law, Ph., Ch., M.
D. McMahon, Lan., BC., Ec., Art.	J. Taggart, Lan., Lit., Fr., G.
S. Madden, Lan., Fr., H., BC., G., Law Ph., Ch., Bio., M., AM.	S. Walsh, Lan., Fr., H., BC., G., Ch., M.
	B. Williams, Lan., BC., Ch., M., AM.

CURRENT UPPER SIXTH (Additional O levels)

J. Carroll, Law; P. Corcoran, AM.; G. Costello, Law; P. Cousins, Geol;
 J. Davorn, Law; J. Doran, Law, Geol.; B. Duffy, Ph., AM.; G. Felix, Bio.;
 J. Foran, Law; R. Harris, Law, Geol.; C. Hart, Lat., Law, Geol.; J. Hickland,
 Law, Geol.; I. Josland, Law, Geol.; J. Luba, Geol.; P. McCarbe, Law;
 J. McGowan, AM.; L. Milligan, Geol.; P. Mobbs, M.; K. Monohan, Geol.;
 R. Murphy, AM.; R. O'Brien, Ph., AM.; A. O'Shea, Lat.; S. Sullivan, Law, Geol.;
 E. Szwed, Po., Geol.; P. Taylor, Geol.; P. Thomas, H.

"A" LEVELS

D. Atkinson, Lit., G., H.	C. Grudniewicz, Ph. M., AM.	R. O'Brien (L6), Art.
J. Burke (L6) AM.	L. Gutteridge, Ch., Ph., M., AM.	M. Reape (5a), Art.
J. Coyne, BC., Ec., H.	C. Hart, (L6), Art	A. Reda (5a), Po.
E. DeMello, Ec., Fr.	K. Hayes, BC., Ec., Lit.	Y. Remedios, Ec., H.
P. Dennis, Bio., Ch.	P. Keane, Bio, Ch, G.	A. Rozwadowski, H.
P. Fidzuk, Ch., Ph., M., AM.	M. Keegan, H.	F. Ryan, Ec., H.
T. Foudy, BC.	L. Morris, BC., Ec., H.	G. Taggart, BC., Ec.
P. Furey, Ch., Ph., M., AM.	G. Morrison, (5a), Art	N. Tierney, Ec., H.
J. Gammon, Ec., Lit., H.	D. Murtagh, BC., Ec., H.	G. Wloch, AM., Ph., M.
		G. Hammond, Bio., Ch., Ph.
		D. Mascarenhas, AM., Ph.

Subject Key:

Lan. English Language, Lit. Literature, Lat. Latin, Fr. French, H. History,
 Br. British Constitution, Ec. Economics, G. Geography, Geol. Geology,
 Po. Polish, Ph. Physics, Ch. Chemistry, Bio. Biology, M. SMP Mathematics,
 AM (at O level), Additional SMP Mathematics AM (at A level) Applied
 Mathematics.

41. The 6th Form and University boys Prizes 1974

6th YEAR:

ENGLISH LITERATURE:	C. Hart	BRITISH GOVERNMENT	J. Luba
ECONOMICS:	R. Harris	ECONOMIC HISTORY:	J. Meanby
GEOGRAPHY:	J. Doran	FRENCH:	P. Cousins
HISTORY:	S. Sullivan	Geology:	K. Ridge
LATIN:	A. O'Shea	BIOLOGY:	E. Ojak
CHEMISTRY:	J. Burke	PHYSICS:	J. Burke
SMP MATHEMATICS:	J. Burke	RELIGION:	P. Taylor

BRO. PETER ARTS PRIZE:

C. HART

BRO. DUNSTAN SCIENCE PRIZE:

J. BURKE

BRO. JOSEPH SPORTS PRIZES:

N. CREAN (Junior) E. Szwed (Senior)

HEADMASTER'S PRIZE FOR SPECIAL SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL:

J. LUBA

HEADMASTER'S PRIZE FOR THE CAPTAIN OF THE SCHOOL:

R. Harris

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES: G.C.E. 1974

O LEVEL: CURRENT 5th FORMS (Anticipated Subjects)

P. Barrett, Lan., BC.	J. Gallagher, BC., M.	P. Morgan, BC.
D. Bradley, Lan.	P. Gannon, Lan.	D. Moynihan, Art
M. Brennan, BC.	P. Hagan, Lan.	T. Murphy, Lan. BC.
B. Burke, Lan., BC., M.	S. Josland, BC.	R. Murtagh, Lan. BC.
R. Byrne, Lan.	S. Marsh, Lan., BC.	S. Nally, BC.
R. Callinan, Lan.	C. Megoran, Lan., BC.	P. Rajewski, BC., Art
J. Ciechanowicz, Lan., Po.	J. Michel, Lan., BC. M. Mus.	J. Ryan, Lan.
M. Connelly, Lan. Art	K. Moore, Lan., BC.	J. Vargas, Art
J. Duffy, Lan. BC.	S. Moreby, BC.	S. Wardle, BC.
C. Fernandes, Lan., M.		

42. 1977 Cecil, would "caning" have been better?

6 MIDDLESEX CHRONICLE April 15 1977

what we say . . .

by the editor

I HAVE considerable sympathy with Brentford Court magistrate Mr. Cecil Pocock who told a young football supporter guilty of drunk and disorderly behaviour: "The maximum fine is £10 — I wish it were far more."

The young man had acted senselessly and aggressively against an innocent passer-by. I can sense Mr. Pocock's embarrassment at having the power to fine him only the cost of the train fare to an away match.

Had the young man

Not much of a caning

wreaked his violence against property Mr. Pocock would have found himself with the power to give a much more punitive sentence. The maximum fine for criminal damage — such as breaking a window, a common pastime nowadays — is £400. And there is

an alternative of six months' imprisonment. But the accused was fined just £10.

The problem here is one of definition. Soccer hooliganism is a self-contained social ailment which needs self-contained laws to keep it in check.

It is no good defining it along with the drunken acts of tramps and vagabonds the law initially was designed to curb.

Without new laws, magistrates are going to continue to feel embarrassed at having to give a hundred lines when they feel the offence really justifies the cane.

Headteachers in the 1970s were allowed to cane, although I don't know if Cecil did. But many times he was frustrated at the Magistrates Court with the "leniency" he had to show to convicted young thugs [mainly football supporters] for drunken and violent actions.

43. Mickey Burke - St Gerard's writes on joining COXA

St Gerard's to Clapham College 1974 -1976

Scotty

I have attached what you might think is not much of an effort, probably only marking it 3/10, but please bear in mind that I only achieved one Level in English Language (thanks to **Mr Maguire**) and that my skills lie in other areas of life

My class went with **Mr Sparkes** over to Clapham College the year before the two Schools fully amalgamated. We were welcomed by the boys in our year, and it did not take long to be introduced to the 'faces', the Café around the corner, told what teachers to avoid, and what you could get away with, or not as the case might be etc.

I spent two years at the school and while there through sport and music made great friends.

A couple of years after leaving Clapham College, I went back to see **Paul Davidson**, have a beer, talk about football etc and it was from this conversation that he put me in contact with the Old Boys Football section.

After summer training at Norbury and on **Frank Barretta's** recommendation I was in **Kevin Mckenna's** second eleven and played in goal (sometimes on pitch} for various Clapham 11's until I was forty.

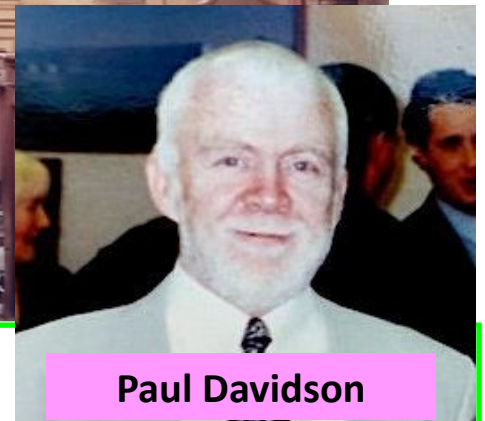
By joining the Old Boys, I made lifelong friends that I could not be without.

The Football Tours, The Annual Lunch, the History Tours, walking group, Golf Days and playing drums with other Clapham Musicians at the Norbury Clubhouse Music and St Patrick nights.

I will always be grateful to be associated with Clapham College.

Mickey Burke

44. First colour photograph of the chapel 1973 & Paul Davidson



Paul Davidson

A bit of copy from the 1970s:

On joining Clapham College in 1971 from the Holy Ghost primary school, Nightingale Square, it was soon apparent that the teaching staff were a very colourful bunch of characters. Many went on to have a great influence on me during my time at Clapham for all sorts of reasons (including Cecil Pocock, Colin Garvey, Jake Richins and Brother Christopher) but with the amalgamation of St Gerard's, there was one teacher who came over from the other site and shone.

*In 1975, at the beginning of perhaps the most informative years as a 15-year-old, **Paul Davidson** became our head of year. He quickly embraced the Clapham College ethos and traditions. A keen sportsman (a goalkeeper at Leeds United in his earlier years), he soon galvanised both sets of Clapham and St Gerard boys, growing a strong mutual respect. Always interested in how you were doing, regularly encouraging you to strive for better and continuously supportive, it was this personal approach that made him such a highly regarded figure.*

Sadly, Paul passed away a few years ago now but is still remembered fondly.



CLAPHAM COLLEGE, S.W.4

REPORT


for Spring 1974 Term

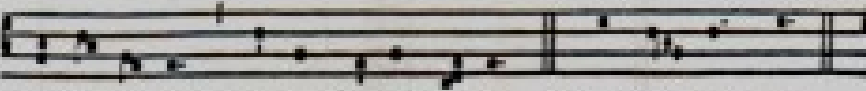
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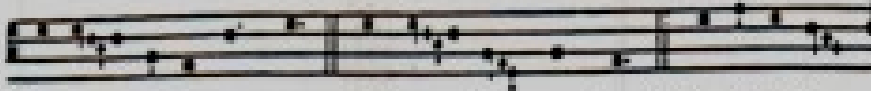
Subjects	Examination Marks %	Examination Position	Homework Marks %	Remarks
Religious Instruction	72	8	68	Good, worked hard since Sept. K.M.G.
English Language	53	=25	58	Must concentrate on improving his standard of written work. J.B.
English Literature				
History	74	14	70	Good factual knowledge but his written English will be a serious handicap. e.g.
Geography	43	17	69	Disappointing result; application has been steady. B.C.
Latin	33	14	40	work generally satisfactory, but not achieving any progress. B.C.
French	24	22	35	Finding it harder than ever. English spelling a serious handicap. B.B.
Mathematics Arithmetic	20	19 th	C	It appears that Mr. Solomon and I have different assessments of his ability. H.H.
Mathematics Algebra				
Mathematics Geometry				
Physics	56	9	C	Has improved through hard work. Good result. H.H.
Chemistry				
Education Physical Training	C			Not a very impressive year so far. Try harder. R.A.S.
Biology	41	11	56	A disappointing exam result, I hope he can improve on this. J.D.
Music	54	9		Good H.H.

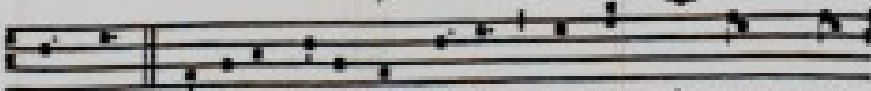
Conduct Very good } B. Christopher } Form Master
 Number of Times Absent (half-days) -
 Punctuality Excellent } A very mixed box of comrad. } Headmaster
 Some signs of slackening of effort. I hope this is not so. He has ability but he must not relax his efforts. J

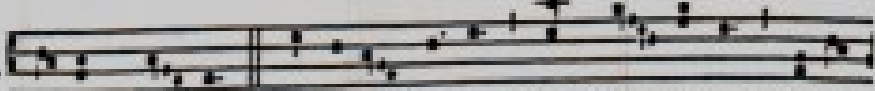
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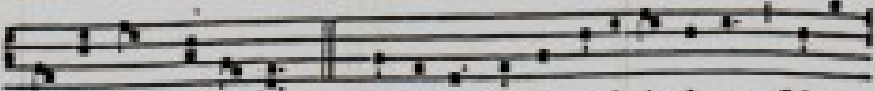
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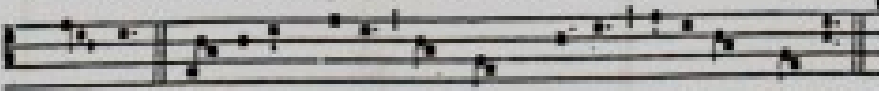
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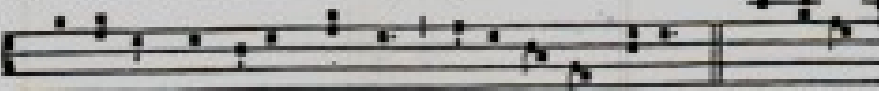
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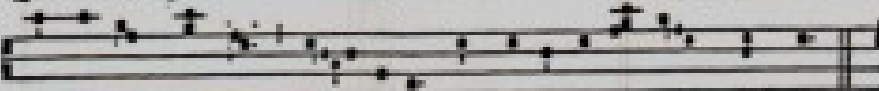
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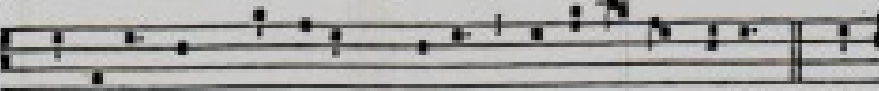
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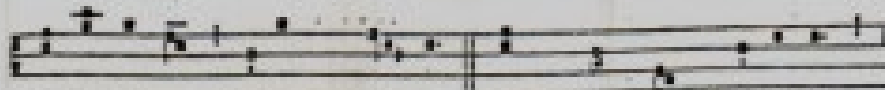
 Chri-ste. Dó-mine Dé-us, Agnus Dé-i, Fi-li-us Pá-tris.


 Qui tóllis peccáta mún-di, mi-se-ré-re nó-bis. Qui tóllis

 peccá-ta mún-di, sú-s-cipe depre-ca-ti-ó-nem nó-stram.

 Qui sé-des ad dé-x-ter-am Pá-tris, mi-se-ré-re nó-bis. Quo-

 ní-am tu só-lus sán-ctus. Tu só-lus Dó-mi-nus. Tu só-lus

 Altí-s-si-mus, Jé-su Chri-ste. Cum Sán-cto Spi-ri-tu,

 in gló-ri-a Dé-i Pá-tris. A-men.

47. Clapham Old Xaverians Teamsheet on the Editor's 21st

CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

Team Sheet No.5. For matches to be played on
Saturday, 30th September, 1972.
K. O. 3 p.m.

1st.Xl. v Old Reigatians. (League) HOME At Norbury.

Utting
Mc Nicholas McGrath Gray Garvey
WHITE SHIRTS Duffy M. Fulker McGuire WHITE SHIRTS
Hixson P. Burnham King

2nd.Xl. v Old Salesians 111. (League) HOME At Norbury.

Boyd
Hudson Bowers Mansi Casserly
Taggart Ryan MacDonald
Roszkowski V. Brown Larkin

3rd.Xl. v Old Addeyans 111. (League) AWAY At Warren Avenue
Recreation Ground,
DIRECTIONS: Meet Balham Station, Warren Avenue,
1.30 p.m. Bromley.

Kelly
Hickland Roderick-Jones Price Cleather
Miller Gavigan J. Hixson P.
Gavigan S. Roszkowski M. McElligott

IF UNABLE TO PLAY, PLEASE PHONE IMMEDIATELY:

1st.Xl. - Alan Fulker - 640 2533
2nd.Xl. - John Mansi - 274 4730
3rd.Xl. - Brian Sanders - 639 4430

Last Saturday's RESULTS:

1st.Xl. v Old Danes Res.(League) Away. Drawn 3-3. Hixson P. 3.
2nd.Xl. v Old Colfeians Res.(Friendly) Home. Won 6-1.
3rd.Xl. v Old Meadonians 111.(League) Home. Won 4-3. Gavigan S.,
Simpson, o.g.,
McElligott.

FRANCIS SALE, Captain of Old Wokingians 1st.Xl. was killed
in a motor accident during the summer.
He leaves a widow and two young children.
A testimonial game has been arranged between
Old Wokingians and Lions Sports at Woking
Football Club Ground under floodlights on
Tuesday, 17th October at 7.30 p.m.
Old Wokingians hope that as many members of the
Old Boys League as possible will attend.

48 Clapham Old Xaverians Teamsheet 1973 - some outstanding
Xaverians selected, Pinsent, Miller, Larkin & Webber

CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

Team Sheet No.8. For matches to be played on
Saturday, 20th October 1973.
K.O. 3 p.m.

1st.Xl. v Old Suttonians Res. (Surrey AFA Junior Cup - Preliminary) HOME At Norbury.

Kelly
Mansi Duffy T. McGrath Garvey
Fulker Bowers Macdonald
Hixson P. Burnham McElligott J.

2nd.Xl. v Old Meadonians Res. (League) HOME At Norbury.

Boyd
Lucas Baker Power Powell Captain: Power
Crowley McGuire Bravo
Taggart Brown McElligott K.

3rd.Xl. v Opposition being confirmed. AWAY

Will all players please phone Scotty Macdonald - 673 8113 - on
Friday by 8.30 p.m.

Coyne
Januszewski Price Hickland Smullen
Ryan Duffy M. Miller
Larkin Roszkowski V. Ciechanowicz Z.

4th.Xl. v John Fisher O.B.V. (League) AWAY At Limpsfield Rd.
Warlingham.

DIRECTIONS: Meet Balham Station,
1.30 p.m.

Kennedy
Tehan Wloch Ciechanowicz T. West
Hudson Pinsent Hickey
Walker Webber Flood

IF UNABLE TO PLAY, PLEASE PHONE IMMEDIATELY:

1st.Xl. - Alan Fulker - 640 2533
2nd.Xl. - Mick Powell - 675 1293
3rd.Xl. - Scotty Macdonald - 673 8113
4th.Xl. - Brian Sanders - 639 4430

Last Saturday's RESULTS:

1st.Xl. v Old Buckwellians. (LOB Senior Cup) Away. Won 8-2. Burnham 2,
Fulker 2, Hixson P. 2,
Bowers, Macdonald.
2nd.Xl. v Old Guildfordians. (League) Home. Lost 1-3. Roszkowski V.
3rd.Xl. v Old Sinjuns 111. (League) Away. Won 3-2. Larkin 2, Ryan.
4th.Xl. v Old Thorntonians 1V. (League) Home. Drawn 3-3. Kennedy,
Hudson, Webber.

49. Clapham Old Xaverians Teamsheet, a quartet of interesting goalkeepers, Kelly, Coyne, Smullen and Gamber

CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

Team Sheet No.3. For matches to be played on
Saturday, 15th September 1973.

1st.Xl. v Old Tenisonians Res. (League) AWAY At Tenison's Sports
Ground, Arthur Road,
DIRECTIONS: Meet Balham Station, Motpur Park.
1.45 p.m. K.O. 3 p.m.

Kelly
Mansi Duffy T. McGrath Garvey
Taggart Fulker McGuire
Hixson P. Burnham King

2nd.Xl. v Old Meadonians Res. (League) AWAY At Duke's Meadows,
Chiswick.
DIRECTIONS: Meet Balham Station, K.O. 3 p.m.
1.30 p.m.

Coyne
McNicholas Casserly Lucas Powell
Macdonald Bowers Crewley
MCELLigott K. Brown McElligott J.

3rd.Xl. v Polytechnic V. (Friendly) AWAY Polytechnic Ground,
Hartington Road,
DIRECTIONS: Meet Balham Station, Chiswick.
1.30 p.m. K.O. 3 p.m.

Smullen
Hickland Kearns Januszewski O'Dee
Bravo Price Burke (Capt.)
Roszkowski V. Galtrey Findlay

4th.Xl. v Old Sinjuns Vl. (League) HOME At Norbury.
K.O. 3 p.m.

Gamber
Wloch Madden Hughes Tope
James Hudson Flood
Collins Webber Hickey

IF UNABLE TO PLAY, PLEASE PHONE IMMEDIATELY:

1st.Xl. - Alan Fulker - 640 2533
2nd.Xl. - Mick Powell - 675 1293
3rd.Xl. - Scotty Macdonald - 673 8113
4th.Xl. - Brian Sanders - 639 4430

IMPORTANT Anyone who wants to play - and has
not been picked - PLEASE PHONE Brian
Sanders AT ONCE.

Last Saturday's RESULTS:

1st.Xl. v 2nd.Xl. (Friendly!) Home. ~~1st.Xl.~~ 2nd.Xl. won 2-1.
Macdonald 2. Taggart.
3rd.Xl. v Old Thorntonians 111. (Friendly) Away. Lost 1-2.

50. Clapham Old Xaverians Teamsheet-Webber "two", and did the 4th XI score those 14 goals to get to 100 that year?

CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

Team Sheet No.29. For matches to be played on Saturday, 24th March, 1973.

1st.XI. v Old Strandians Res. (League) HOME At Norbury.
K. O. 3 p.m.

Utting
Mansi Duffy T. McGrath Garvey
Maddonald Fulker McGuire
King Burnham Hixson P.

2nd.XI. v Shene O.G. Res. (Friendly) AWAY At Barn Elms,
Rocks Lane, Barnes.
K. O. 3 p.m.

DIRECTIONS: Meet Balham Station,
1.30 p.m.

Boyd
Casserly Power McNicholas Powell
Taggart Bowers Gray
Larkin Reszkewski V. McElligott

3rd.XI. v Eagle Star Res. (Friendly) HOME At Norbury.
K. O. 3 p.m.

Kelly
Cleather O'Dee Price Kearns
Gavigan S. Miller Murphy J.
Brown Gavigan B. Ciechanewicz

4th.XI. v Shene O.G. 1V. (Friendly) AWAY At Barn Elms,
Rocks Lane, Barnes.
K. O. 3 p.m.

DIRECTIONS: Meet Balham Station,
1.30 p.m.

Coyne
Smullen Tope Wloch Hughes
Wills Hudson Webber
Findlay Mansi A. Hixson T.

IF UNABLE TO PLAY, PLEASE PHONE IMMEDIATELY:

1st.XI. - Alan Fulker - 640 2533
2nd.XI. - Mick Powell - 675 1293
3rd.XI. - Phil Roderick-Jones - 228 1289
4th.XI. - Brian Sanders - 639 4430

Last Saturday's RESULTS:

1st.XI. v Britannic House (Friendly) Away. Won 3-2. Maddonald,
Burnham, Hixson P.

2nd.XI. v Old Suttonians Res. (League) Home. Won 2-1.
Reszkewski M. 2.

3rd.XI. v Ealing Assoc. 111. (Friendly) Away. Lost 2-3. Kelly, Miller.

4th.XI. v Old Strandians V. (Friendly) Home. Won 6-2. Webber 2,
Murphy P., Mahen,
Mansi A., Manktelew.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK: Can the 4th.XI. score 14 more goals for
their 100 goals this season ?

Once again last Saturday, there were too many players dropping
out throughout the teams. This resulted in the 4th.XI. having
to field only 9 players - a very poor show. The Committee
wishes to point out to everyone that regardless of whether or
not fixtures are Friendlies, it is no just reason for feeble
excuses for dropping out.

51. Clapham Old Xaverians Teamsheet on another Ernie Larkin hat-trick

CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

Team Sheet No.12. For matches to be played on
Saturday, 20th November, 1971.

1st.XI. v Old Tenisonians Res. (League) HOME At Norbury.
K.O. 2.30 p.m.

Utting
McNicholas Power Gray Garvey
Duffy T. Falker MacDonald
King Burnham McGuire

IMPORTANT

Will all players kindly be on time
- either at meeting places or for
kick off.

The Club is now in trouble with the
League. They will not tolerate late
starts . . . with half-complete teams.

2nd.XI. v Old Tollingtonians Res. (LOB Cup replay) AWAY At Chase Lodge
Playing Fields, Regent
Street, Mill Hill.
DIRECTIONS: Meet Oval Station, 12.30 p.m. SHARP. (Tel.: 959 7088)
K.O. 2.15 p.m.

Boyd
Casserly Mansi Baker Powell
Bowers Coletta Duffy M.
Hixson P. Roszkowski V. Hixson P.

3rd.XI. v Old Suttonians IV. (League) HOME At Norbury.
K.O. 2.30 p.m.

Kelly
Cleather Price Rayer Smullen
Smallcombe Crowley Murphy J.
Wills Brown Larkin

IF UNABLE TO PLAY, PLEASE PHONE IMMEDIATELY:

1st.XI. - Wilson Bowers - 828 6013
2nd.XI. - Tony Cleather - 679 0257
3rd.XI. - Brian Sanders - 639 4430

Last Saturday's RESULTS:

1st.XI. v Old Langleyans. (LOB Cup). Away. Drawn 1-1 (after extra
time.) Falker.

(Replay scheduled for 4th December).

2nd.XI. v Old Tollingtonians Res. (LOB Cup). Home. Drawn 3-3 (after
extra time.) Mansi,
Hixson P. 2.

3rd.XI. v Old Strandians III. (LOB Cup). Away. Won 4-2 (after extra
time.) Larkin 3, Brown.

SUBSTITUTES will be allowed . . . but NAMES, NOW, please
for the CHRISTMAS Cricketers versus Footballers MATCH.
At Norbury - NOT on the day after Christmas Day,
but on Boxing Day, Monday, 27th December, at 11 a.m.

52. Clapham Old Xaverians Teamsheet, on another Ben Benedict
 Hat-trick and one for a Duffy [Tom, I assume] - sorry Mickey

CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

Team Sheet No. 22. For matches to be played on
 Saturday, 14th February 1976.

1st. XI. v Old Josephians. (League) Home. At Norbury. K.O. 2.30 p.m.

McNama
 Garvey McGrath Januszewski Madden
 Curran Bowers Ryan
 Roszkowski V. McGuire McElligott

2nd. XI. v Old Salesians III. (League) Away. At Old Schools Lane, Ewell.
 DIRECTIONS: meet Balham Station, 1.15 p.m. K.O. 2.30 p.m.

Burke
 Baker Power Hickland Thornton
 Macdonald Duffy Fulker
 Leathem Taggart Larkin

3rd. XI. v Old Strandians III. (League) Away. At Tattenham Way Rec. Grnd,
 DIRECTIONS: meet Balham Station, 1.15 p.m. Banstead. K.O. 2.30 p.m.

Murphy
 Powell Casserly McLoughlin West
 Ciechanowicz Pinsent Galtrey
 Williams Roszkowski M. Butler

4th. XI. v Old Strandians V. (League) Away. At Beddington Park.
 DIRECTIONS: meet Balham Station, 12.45 p.m. K.O. 2 p.m.

Boyd
 Bravo Hudson Stanbridge James
 Webber Brown O'Flynn
 Hickey Benedict Bibby

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5th. XI. v Old Tenisonians V. (Friendly) Away. At Tenison's Sports Ground,
 DIRECTIONS: meet Balham Station, 1.30 p.m. Arthur Road, Motpur Park.
 K.O. 2.30 p.m.

Gamber
 Kavanagh C. Tehan O'Brien Jones
 Keogh Ferrante (Capt.) McGrath
 Riley Collins Kavanagh D.

IF UNABLE TO PLAY? PLEASE PHONE IMMEDIATELY:

1st. XI. - Vic Roszkowski - 674 7990 2nd. XI. - Harry Hickland - 674 7731
 3rd. XI. - Paul West - *274 9109 4th. XI. - Graham Hudson - 677 2163
 5th. XI. - Denzil Mascarenhas - 648 8002

Last Saturday's RESULTS:

1st. XI. v Cuaco 1st. (Friendly) Away. Drawn 2-2. Bowers, Curran.
 2nd. XI. v Shene O.G. Res. (League) Home. Won 7-0. Duffy 3, Larkin, Power,
 Roszkowski V., o.g.
 3rd. XI. v O. Thorntonians Res. (League) Home. Lost 0-2.
 4th. XI. v O. Pelhamians III. (League) Home. Won 9-0. Benedict 3, Brown 2,
 Hickey 2, Davorn, O'Flynn.
 5th. XI. v O. Tenisonians V. (Friendly) Away. Opponents unable to raise a team.

53. Clapham Old Xaverians Teamsheet late in the 1970s with EIGHT COXA Football Teams, and reserves to run a 9th XI later that year.

1ST XI V. ORANGE HILL O.B. (LEAGUE) HOME AT NORBURY K.O. 2.45 PM	GALTREY GALLAGHER LEATHEN MURTAGH LEATHEN BEATTY MCGOWAN MURPHY McLOUGHLIN FREESE
2ND XI V. O.P. POSITION BEING ARRANGED ALL PLAYERS MUST PHONE EAMONN TAGGART 670 7187 BY FRIDAY EVENING.	BARRETTA MCKENNA McLOUGHLIN JANSZOWSKI MURPHY CASEY THORNTON PETROLZI WILLIAMS MULLANE TAGGART
3RD XI V. OLD JOSEPHANS III (LEAGUE) AWAY AT NEW ROUND SHAW HITCHES, HANNIBAL WAY WALLINGTON K.O. 2.30 PM DIRECTIONS: DEPART NORBURY STATION 1.15 PM.	BURKE MCNICHOLAS TEMAN MANSI McGUIRE O'BRIEN RYAN CARRUCAN WILLIAMS HIXSON BROWN
4TH XI V. JOHN FISHER O.B. III (LEAGUE) AWAY AT LIMPSPFIELD ROAD, WASHINGTON K.O. 2.45 PM DIRECTIONS: DEPART NORBURY STATION 1.15 PM	RUIZ-TYSON LUCAS O'FLYNN OWENS MACDONALD MARTINETT KELLY FOX BURKE BENEDICT WARKIN
5TH XI V. OLD PELHAMNS III (FRIENDLY) HOME AT. RAYNES, PARK. K.O. 2.45 DIRECTIONS: DEPART BATHAM STATION 1.30 PM	BRENNAN KEARNS NORTON HOUSEHO KEOGH KING O'FLYNN MYATT O'FLYNN A GEORGE STAPLETON DAVIS
6TH XI V. JOHN FISHER O.B. V (LEAGUE) AWAY AT LIMPSPFIELD ROAD, WASHINGTON K.O. 2.45 PM DIRECTIONS: DEPART NORBURY STATION 1.30 PM	MASCARENHAS TOPE GRAVEY POWER DONOGHUE ROSZKOWSKI BROWN DAVORN THEODORE MORRISON PURCELL
7TH XI V. CLAREMONT O.B. (FRIENDLY) HOME AT ORCHARD SSC K.O. 2.45 PM DIRECTIONS: DEPART NORBURY STATION 1.45 PM	COTTER O'BRIEN P. PRICE HUDSON WEST O'MARA JORDAN ROWELL SANDERS COLLINS WILLIAMS A.
8TH XI V. O.P. POSITION BEING ARRANGED ALL PLAYERS MUST PHONE GRATHAM HUDSON 677 2163 BY FRIDAY EVENING.	RODRIGUEZ MURTAGH. COSTELLO G. LATTIMORE KOWSE JOHNSON McGUIRE MORIARTY MANCANTTELLI MC CARTHY CURTIN HARRINGTON REID
IF UNAVAILABLE TO PLAY PHONE: 1ST XI DAVE MURTAGH 0852 4968 2ND XI EAMONN TAGGART 670 7187 3RD XI JOHN MANSI 764 8282 4TH XI SCOTTY MACDONALD 691 2202 5TH XI NEIL KEOGH 767 0873 6TH XI ERIC TOPE 764 7442 7TH XI FRANK JORDAN 720 8879 8TH XI GRATHAM HUDSON 677 2163	
<u>LAST SATURDAY'S RESULTS:</u>	
1ST XI V. OLD MANORIAN'S (LEAGUE) HOME - POSTPONED GROUND TOO WET	
2ND XI V. OLD GRAMMERIAN'S (LOS INTER CUP) AWAY WON 2-0 NET TAGGART, WILLIAMS P.	
3RD XI V. SHENE O.G. RES (LEAGUE) AWAY WON 2-0 MULLANE BOWERS	
4TH XI V. SHENE O.G. III (LEAGUE) HOME - POSTPONED GROUND TOO WET.	
5TH XI V. OLD REKATANS III (LEAGUE) HOME " " "	
6TH XI V. OLD DORKINIAN'S IV (LEAGUE) AWAY WON 3-1 MURTAGH 2, O.G.	
7TH XI V. GLYN O.B. VII (LEAGUE) AWAY WON 7-2 PURCELL 2, O'MARA, COLLINS, MYATT, O.G. 2	
8TH XI V. GLYN O.B. VIII (FRIENDLY) HOME WON 9-4 MANCANTTELLI 3, MC CARTHY 3, MORIARTY 2, HARRINGTON	

IF YOU ARE NOT LISTED ABOVE AND YOU ARE AVAILABLE PLEASE PHONE A TEAM SECRETARY.

WE ARE NOW APPROACHING A CRITICAL STAGE IN THE SEASON.
HARD WORK ON TUESDAY TRAINING REFLECTS GOOD RESULTS
ON A SATURDAY. PLEASE TRAIN - AT THE COLLEGE 6.30 PM.

One of the most encouraging features of the season was the number of enthusiastic, skilled new players who joined the Old Boys Football Club - mostly straight from the College. There was an unfortunate wastage of players from the Club somewhere, however, as it proved impossible to continue to field a 4th XI to play friendly matches, which had been such a success the previous year.

We are particularly keen to run this 4th XI in the coming season - and not only to provide a strong background for the League sides - so please let us know in good time if you think you might fit in somewhere, anyhow, in a mixture of youngsters and older players.

The 1st XI are to be congratulated on a very fine performance in reaching the final of the AFA Surrey Junior Cup, where it was most disappointing to see them beaten 0 - 1 by Temple Bar Reserves. They also just missed promotion - after 8 successive league victories, they lost their last 3 matches.

The relevant final placings in the League Tables are as follows:

1st XI Intermediate South

Old Strandians	W15	D3	L4	For 83	Agst 23	Pts 33
O. Wokingians Res.	W13	D3	L6	" 46	" 31	" 29
Old Reigatians	W9	D6	L7	" 36	" 35	" 24
Old Danes Res.	W9	D5	L8	" 45	" 38	" 23
Clapham O.X.	W9	D5	L8	" 56	" 56	" 23
The Phoenicians	W10	D3	L9	" 44	" 47	" 23

2nd XI Div. One South - Bottom placings

Old Salesians 111	W6	D5	L9	For 40	Agst 43	Pts 17
Old Guildfordians	W7	D2	L11	" 44	" 52	" 16
Clapham O.X. Res.	W5	D2	L13	" 51	" 64	" 12
Old Addeyans Res.	W2	D5	L13	" 28	" 67	" 9

3rd XI. Div. Two South - Bottom placings

Clapham O.X. 111	W7	D4	L9	For 52	Agst 61	Pts 18
O. Vaughanians 111	W6	D5	L9	" 56	" 56	" 17
O. Meadonians 111	W8	D1	L11	" 54	" 70	" 17
John Fisher O.B. Res	W6	D1	L13	" 39	" 56	" 13
O. Josephians Res.	W3	D5	L12	" 35	" 73	" 11

The 3rd XI did well to finish five places up the table after being so near the bottom for a long spell at the beginning of the year. Regrettably the 2nd XI must face up to relegation, but the big question is where do they drop down to?

D. Rowe
Football Secretary

55. 1972 Pen Pictures of The Clapham Old Xaverians 1st XI

As a tribute to the 1st XI, an anonymous 21 year old full back has provided us with the following pen pictures.

- MICK HART: goalkeeper, nicknamed the "cat", not by the team but by the treasurer after the match, non-smoker, occasional drinker - won't last long in the side!
- COL GARVEY: full back, aged 21, one of the youngest members of the side; two paced - dead slow and stop; hobby - hanging around at Balham Station for two hours every Saturday lunchtime; favourite player - Tom Duffy.
- MICK POWER: sweeper, covers over the rare gaps in the defence; lies about his age, only chance of staying in the side is to become captain.
- WILSON BOWERS: centre back, "Chad Valley" to his friends; will tackle anything that moves, usually after the match; lucky number - 1,506,324.
- PETER KING: winger, turns attack into defence; brings out the best in the opposition; pin-up, Charlie George; favourite colour pink.
- DAVE BURNHAM: centre forward, rugged north countryman lured south by the big money at Clapham; has shares in Whitbread; pin-up Eddie Waring.
- DICK NALLEN: winger; wears No. 11 shirt though this denotes beer capacity not position; future captain.
- MARK ROZKOWSKI: striker; was playing for the Old Boys 1st when he was in 4 alpha; darts wizard; trains with Spanish Club Bongo.
- TOM DUFFY: midfield destroyer, darling of the Norbury "hop"; non-stop runner especially when it's his round; favourite player Col Garvey.
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56. 1974-1975 Personalia - it isn't this good anymore!

PERSONALIA

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In this and future issues of COXAN it is hoped to include items of current personalia. The Editor will welcome any interesting tit-bits about yourselves or any other Old Boys you may know or not. Please drop him a line or ring for a chat. Meanwhile the following will bring you up to date.

Pete Neale (vintage early 50's) tells us that he is reasonably successful working as a freelance journalist and that Chief Inspector Attwood is doing 3 months in Anguilla.

Tony Gray has spend the best part of a year with the Common Market negotiating team in Brussels.

Kevin Williamson (1961) has just returned from a hitch-hiking trip to Katmandu - hitched all around India and Ceylon then hitched home - left Lorcan Farrelly (1959)

in Katmandu who then hitched to Australia where he is now working in T.V.

Danny Doyle is completing a year teaching somewhere in the South of France.

Congratulations to Pat and Julie Barry on their first child, John James; to Sean and Jackie Gavigan on the birth of a brother for Jackie and Ellen; to Alex and Susan Morrish on the birth of a daughter, Rachel; and also on the birth of a daughter to Frank and Mary Hixson.

Peter Hughes is reported to have recently arrived at a wedding minus his morning suit. Anyone finding a Moss Bros. case containing suit and a pair of brand new Y-fronts on the S.R., please contact P.H.

Recent visitor to the College was Lesley Riley (Reilly?)(1931) - dismayed to learn of the Brothers' departure but pleased to hear that Br. Dunstan is still going strong - works for I.P.C. and is living in Devon. He would like to be remembered to Derrick Jones and John Woolard, and to any other contemporary readers.

Dave Slattery, Tom Ennis and Tony Collins spent a weekend in Paris not long ago with Vince Ennis who was over there on business. All met up (not by chance) with Brian Sanders and Cecil Pocock who were leading a College party. Their combined research into Common Market booze prices produced a favourable, if hazy report.

John Gilhooly takes the plunge on September 4th when he marries Gill Cunningham.

Fr. Gualzatta late of Walworth parish has been appointed as Parish Priest in the Sutton area.

John Kidd (1965) - now managing director of a meat products empire.

Dave Slattery (always good for a mention), fully recovered from his Paris trip is reported at the time of writing to be on another boozy week's holiday in the remote parts of Ireland.

RE: CLAPHAM COLLEGE BUILDING
FUND

O P I N I O N

1. I think that a conference will be desirable in particular to clarify the purposes for which the fund was raised. The reference in Mr. Kachel's letter quoted in my instructions to "the Education Act 1945" is clearly an error: but he may have meant either the 1944 or the 1946 Act. However it is in my opinion reasonably clear that the fund was raised by the Xaverian Brothers in order to subvent such expenditure on building by way of extension or reconstruction of Clapham College as they might have to incur in consequence of the Acts I have mentioned or one of them.

2. The purpose of the fund was in my opinion charitable: and it was a purpose which did not fail at the outset. My preliminary view is that it failed subsequently when the Xaverian Brothers ceased to carry on a school at Clapham College; and thereupon the fund in my opinion became applicable cy-pres, because it appears to be evident that all the donors made their donations on the footing that they were parting for good with the moneys which they donated. Reference may be made to Re Wokingham Fire Brigade (1951) Cl. 373.

3. Where as here, there is no contemporary document

declaring the trusts for which the fund is raised it must in my view be a matter of doubt what the trusts are and consequently a matter of doubt whether and how the fund is applicable cy-pres. The first doubt can only be resolved by the Court. I cannot advise that the Xaverian Brothers could safely and properly apply the fund for their general educational purposes on the strength of the opinion I have expressed above, if for no other reason than that such an application would be a cy-pres application. That the Diocesan Trustees would not oppose such an application does not resolve the matter.

4. On my present information I think that the proper course is for the trustees of the fund to apply by originating summons in the Chancery Division for determination of the question (putting it broadly) whether the fund is now applicable cy-pres, and for a scheme. The defendants would be: a donor (to represent all the donors), the Diocesan Trustees, and the Attorney-General.

5. Before settling any proceedings I would require such further information as is available: and that can most conveniently be considered at a conference at which Mr. Quinn should be present. It would be desirable that he should have with him such papers and documents as he considers might in any way be relevant

J. A. B. Finlay

Lincoln's Inn
10 November, 1971.

59. Attendees at the 1971 AGM - will we ever see the like again?

A.G.M. 8TH OCTOBER 1971

NAME	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	YEAR LEFT
C D. Pharo	58, Elmstead Gardens, Uxbridge	Company Secy/ Personnel Manager	1960
J. L. Clark	1/5, Greenham Gardens, T. HENTON	A.O. 1/6 RAILS NRAFA.	1965
A Keenan	46, Queensville Road S.W. 12.	Assistant to office manager	1955
W. J. B. Leonard	73, Sham Rd.	Trainee Surgeon.	1971.
Hugh Atkinson	51 CROFT AVE, WESTWICH	Bank clerk	1971
Engene O'Shea	37 HEADINGTON RD SW15	Insurance Clerk	1970 ¹⁹⁷¹
Michael O'Shea	"	Steel Salesman	1970
C R. Marsara	27, Upwood Rd. S.W. 16	Teacher	1954
C. C. Rose	180, Wythe Lane, Cophall St	Export Manager/ Company Secretary	1961
J. B. Kaye	34, Redway Road, Bromley, Kent	Accountant	1967
P. Nixon	40, SOUTHEND ROAD, BECKENHAM	MEAT TRADE EXECUTIVE	1970
Kevin Bond	4 Rochdale, 45 Central Hill	Gentleman of leisure.	1971
John Mairi	39 Terrans Road S.W. 2.	Progress Chaser	1967.
Michael Grace	32 Clyde House Peckham	Diplomat	1970.
LAWRENCE WARKIN	129 PENROSE HSE PENROSE ST SW17	INTL. BANKING OFFICER	1970.
C Denis Quinn	221 Valley Road SW16	Association Director	1948
C P. J. Griffin	10. TANTALON ROAD SW-12	STATUTORY OFFICER	1943
M. B. Ward	23, Egmont Rd. SE27	Unit Servant.	1933
A. D. Quinn	10, Nighthall St SW2.	Club.	1933
B. J. Lane	11, Con. M Road S.W. 11.	Banker. Forax.	1960
C. H. Hunter	3 Downs Ave Chislehurst	Head.	1953.
J. M. St. John	189 NEW PARK RD S.W. 11	INSURANCE	1952
J. M. St. John	5, Pyramessmead S.E. 4.	Banking	1955
C. C. Garvey	60 Biggin Hill S.E. 19.	Teaching.	1961
Ron B. Giff	8 Beverley Court. S.E. 4.	Architect	1955
J. P. Connors	16, Sternhall St. SW 2		1940
C. H. Gilhooly	99 The Woodlands Bantock Hill SW	Scout	1964
J. M. St. John	6, KNOWLE LODGE WATFORD Herts	Director.	1950.
C. J. Morrison	51 Alibrook Rd, London SW12 8AD	Chartered Acct.	1952
D. Love	86 Kensington Ave, The Health, St	P.R.	1944

60 !970s unwanted news headline and a freezing cold 2nd XI side

Police called in to two colleges



The peaceful tree-shaded exterior of Clapham College.



61. Early 190s Bob's first rugby team & Old Boys v College group



College head doubts whether school can ever do better

Brother Peter felt that the exam results had peaked, low numbers in school, sixty in each year, high num-

Br Peter paid a tribute to **Bill Blight** who died earlier that year. He was the "scourge" of Lower School boys, but a 100% Pass Rate in "A"-Level Maths.

This year's examination results at Clapham College are so good that headmaster Mr. John Pointon (Brother Peter) thinks they can never really do any better. The school is small, with an annual intake of 60, and this year they have achieved 15 university places (or equivalent)—a 25 per cent acceptance rate which Brother Peter thinks is "good by any standards."

Speaking at the school speech day in Battersea Town Hall, he reported success in nearly every examination class. At "O" level an average of over four passes a pupil was achieved, with nearly half passing in six subjects. At "A" level there was a 66 per cent overall pass and 100 per cent passes in maths.

The school owed an incalculable debt to former maths teacher, Mr. Blight, who died in May of this year. Said brother Peter, "He was a man whom many generations of Clapham boys will remember with great gratitude."

"In this day when maths is seen as the indispensable key to scientific progress and to rewarding careers, Mr. Blight year after year, turned out groups of brilliant mathematicians who saw everything to to him. He was a great teacher."

The headmaster said that games on the whole were bad. One very good reason being that it is the smallest school in the area. "God is still on the side of the big battalions," he remarked.

But we have had a successful year. One of the nicest things about Clapham is the excellent relationship that exists in the school between staff and boys. I hope and pray that this continues. So long as it does most other things will fall into place."

Parking fees up on council estates

Car owners on Wandsworth Council estates will be paying an extra five shillings a week in the future. The increase is to pay for the introduction of reserved parking bays. Battersea tenants already pay this amount and now there are plans for parking bays on 40 other estates.

And it looks as though the council will make a handsome profit. The housing committee wants to make an early start on conversion on 10 estates and estimates the total cost will be £8,000—but the annual income will be £5,000.

Having discovered what use is made of the parking bays on these 10 estates the council will then draw up plans for parking spaces on 30 other estates.

The housing committee has also agreed to ask the officers to draw up a report outlining ways to relieve congestion on roads on five estates but say it will first be necessary to provide additional open car parking areas—for which charges will then be made—by making extensive alterations to the layout of the estate surrounds.

Putney Vale is one such estate and the "Star" understands that the council may have to turn over grassland

63. Goodbye to the Brothers Dinner + he latest 70s threat to Norbury



NORBURY AN OPEN LETTER

The problem of Norbury has provoked a number of letters from Old Boys with various suggestions on how to find a new ground. But one angry Old Boy has written an open letter to every other old boy about, "**Big Brother's**" decision to change Norbury.

GENTLEMEN! WE ARE NOW FIGHTING FOR LIVES OR HADN'T YOU NOTICED? By Easter 1974 football at Norbury (and also cricket) and target golf (and also that first stolen kiss behind the clubhouse) will be a memory. No more famous victories, no more famous defeats, no more broken glasshouses, no more canapes a la Madame Slayed, no more bawdy ballads from the showers, no more cheapo, cheapo booze, no more blah, blah, blah. " All will be gone. Those hallowed pitches will ring to a new sound - McAlpine's Fusiliers (oi don't tink; oi dig) because, dear members, it's now a cold, hard fact that big brother has decided to replace our beloved turf with a brand-new shiny eyesore of a school. "

The truth was revealed at the football annual meeting last October and a committee of trouble shooters was appointed to investigate vile situation. They had the responsibility of finding an alternative arrangement for our Norbury. They have written to certain public bodies (for example, the National Playing Fields' Association, the Borough Council) and are awaiting replies.

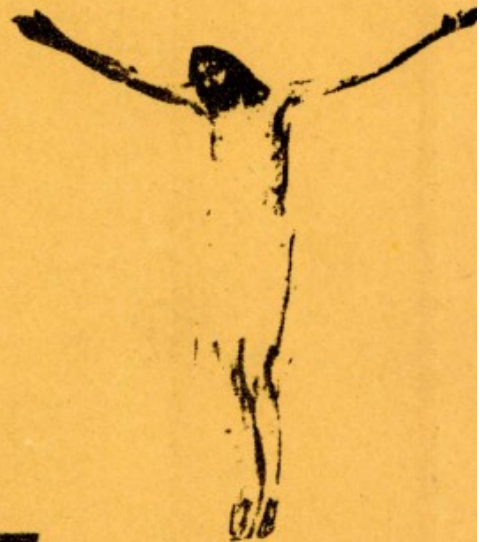
From our own research, we have found that in order to qualify for any sort of grant, the club needs an open membership. However, a sizeable loan may be possible, especially if we have a site in mind and we have some capital behind us.

This is where YOU come in. " Keep an eye open for any suitable site and tell the committee of any idea (no matter how small) you might have. Money is most urgently needed and to this end four editors are launching the "**RONDO SAVE THE OLD BOYS FUND**" which now stands at **£20** (a fiver from the four editors). " Please contribute, remember time is running out (only one season left), little has been done and without a concentrated effort from all of us, the club will die. [and happy to report Norbury - and "we" are still there!

64. In the Mid-1970s a magazine produced by the boys called "Clapham College" was launched. Although the print quality was pretty poor, the content was great. There are six of these on the COXA Archive Website,



"CHRIST DID NOT
DIE ON THE
CROSS"



*See page 6 for this
startling claim.*

65. Concordia was always a challenge to produce. The quality, the requirement of stories and articles, the costs meant that the days of a regular COXA publication were doomed. Clapper burst onto the scene in 1968 as a topical, trendy and popular replacement and lasted for the next 20-odd years. Still don't have many of the first ten, Number 4 is my first. UNLESS..SOMEONE

THE CLAPPER

No. 4
Dec. '70

CHAIRMAN

By the time this edition of CLAPPER is circulated we should know the outcome of the Association's discussions with the Southwark Diocese concerning our future at Norbury. As most of you know with effect from 1.1.80. the ground will no longer be maintained by I.L.E.A., and the Diocese, who own Norbury, are prepared to offer us a 3 year lease at a 'nominal' rent. However, we would be liable for all expenditure ie: Rates, Ground and Buildings maintenance, Insurance, Security etc. There are therefore many problems, not least financial, to overcome and your Committee are investigating these as a matter of urgency.

I personally believe that we should make every effort to retain our links with Norbury where for over forty years we have enjoyed the playing facilities. In addition the Clubhouse which was built by COXA members has been, particularly in recent years, a considerable social success, and it would be a great pity if this was 'given' up without a reasonable fight. If we are to successfully run the ground there will most certainly be a severe strain on our limited finances. This must mean a determined effort to raise funds by YOU the Association Members. I would

hope that by now the Football Section has already taken some steps in this respect.

Whilst Norbury has been at the forefront of the new Committees' agenda, we have not neglected other matters - elsewhere in CLAPPER you will find the social calendar for 1980. Please try to support every function thereby making the considerable effort put into these events by the organisers really worthwhile.

Mick Powell.

ELEPHANTIS

The 1st XI. crashed out of the AFA Surrey Senior Cup at the first hurdle on 27th October to Pearl Assurance. It was ironically, at Pearl's ground that the elephants won the trophy so excitingly last season. The team thus continued the great tradition of 'out in the first round in defence of' following such legends as Rod Laver, Arthur Ashe, Chelsea, Liverpool etc. etc. (any other favourites we'd like letters...)

Team captain Mick McGrath close to tears said he was 'sicker than a parrot'. Hero of the final Chris Taylor commented 'it was diabolical and I feel sick'. (send your favourite quotes to CLAPPER and we'll publish the best ones).

SHUTTLE AND OUT

Due to lack of support Squash and Badminton at the College on Friday evenings has been discontinued. After a bright start the numbers unfortunately dwindled alarmingly. The organisers hope they can start up again during next summer.

CAREERS EVENING AT CLAPHAM COLLEGE.

It is hoped to organise a CAREERS EVENING at Clapham College on WEDNESDAY 19th. MARCH 1980. Careers Evenings have been organised in the past and, with the co-operation of many of the Old Boys, they have been very successful.

These events give the Old Boys an opportunity to help some of the present pupils in a very positive way. If anybody feels that they would be able to help by coming along and answering questions about their own line of work would they please contact JOHN DOHERTY c/o CLAPHAM COLLEGE Malwood Road, S.W.12. Tel. 673 7122.

66. "Events this was the "height" of COXA's expansion - it was the "thing" to join the OLD BOYS and those social EVENTS!

EVENTS

COXA ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE

or 'Stop Wining And Drink Some Beer'.

Imagine a delicious meal in elegant surroundings, witty speeches, varied and high quality music and splendid company ...well we had to imagine it because we were in fact at the COXA Annual Dinner and Dance. But seriously though, this year's dinner and dance was more successful than those held (and certainly far more successful than that which was not held!) in the last few years. As an experiment with what, if unsuccessful, would probably have been the last COXA dinner and dance, we used the school dining centre as the venue, asked Sheila Rowe to provide the food, catered for the drinks ourselves and offered an all-inclusive ticket. The results were very encouraging.

Over one hundred people attended and seemed to enjoy themselves (if the slur ratio can be trusted). Our guest of honour was Brother Christopher who was celebrating his 50th year in the Kavarian Order. In his speech he described his career and recalled events and individuals at Clapham during his stay there. Fortunately he was kind enough to choose anecdotes which did not cause extreme embarrassment to those mentioned. Dave Martin, our outgoing (or should I say extrovert?) chairman presented him with a gift from the Association and went on to make a speech during which his knowledge of ballistics proved more important than his wit. Dave also made a small presentation to Tony Morrish to mark his years of service on the Old Boys' Committee, and then was surprised to find Tony returning the honour. You might think all these presentations left little time for anything else but, unusually for an Old Boys' function, there was still plenty of opportunity for dancing, drinking, listening to music (so I'm told) and generally making merry. One of the leading merry-makers was the band's clarinetist who treated the guests to a version of "I left my blue suede shoes in the public bar" from a horizontal position.

I feel I ought to be quite detailed (or lynched) about the star cabaret act of the evening since even those who attended the dinner might not have heard all of it. However lack of space means that I am able only to report that "Wild Oats" (the artistes in question) would be delighted to come again and listen to us anytime. Next year we are thinking of booking someone

a little more appropriate, perhaps the L.S.O. to play the 1812 overture (with cannon and mortar effect).

The dinner gave members the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new ones and to relax in a convivial atmosphere without worrying about the size of the bill at the end of the evening. I think it was a success, but I would welcome suggestions for improvements for next year's event.

Wilson Sowers.

STATISTICS

To gauge response to this years Dinner/Dance the organisers sent out a short questionnaire. Listed below are the main conclusions from those who replied.

95% of replies liked the venue and seating arrangements.

100% of replies were in favour of the type of meal served.

20% of replies, however, felt the meal took too long.

All replies were in favour of the all-inclusive price and felt the price was about right. ('Don't know how you did it for the price' was one reply).

On the other hand, 30% of replies criticized the cabaret and thought it unnecessary, which should give the planners some food for thought (no pun intended) for next years event.

Marplan.

'100' CLUB RESULTS

AUG. 1979.

£100	T. JONES.
£15	Miss M. McGRATH.

SEP. 1979.

£20	P. TERAN.
£5	BLICKMITTY.

OCT. 1979.

£20	R. STANBRIDGE.
£5	D. QUINN.

NOV. 1979.

£100	D. MURTAGH.
£15	C. MEGORAN.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

COXA DIARY

SAT.15.12.79.

CAROL SINGING AT NORBURY.

Come and see if the team-members sing as well as they play - to do so they'll need lots of help (especially sopranos and altos please...)If it's good we might even repeat it on the 22nd.

WED.26.12.79.

BOXING DAY FESTIVITIES AT NORBURY.

Nip along on Boxing Day (late) morning - around 11.00 am. - to watch some entertaining sport, walk off some Xmas fare and have a beer.

SAT.26.01.80.

FANCY DRESS PARTY. (CLAPHAM COLLEGE)

No theme, but a couple of mystery prizes for the most outrageous or inventive outfits (male and female) For an all inclusive price of £5 you get food, drink all evening and a disco.

FRI.29.02.80.

EVITA (PRINCE EDWARD THEATRE)

At last - and at popular demand. We have managed (at enormous after-shave) to secure 30 £4 value tickets at only £5 each. First come, first served. Name and money please to Wilson Bowers.

WED.19.03.80.

CAREERS EVENING. (CLAPHAM COLLEGE)

A chance to do a favour for the current generation of pupils by warning them off your chosen profession. If you want to help contact John Doherty at the College

THU.10.04.80.

OLD BOYS V's SCHOOL AT NORBURY.

The way things are going this may be our first chance to win this season. Come along and cheer that we still have Norbury (if we still have Norbury - see elsewhere in this issue perhaps ?) and remember the days when you could get into a pair of size 24 inch shorts (if anyone still can I have a few suggestions for him for the fancy dress party).

SAT.10.05.80.

DINNER DISCO AT CLAPHAM COLLEGE.

The ever popular social event of the season (who knows who will be coming out this year). The usual menu of speeches, super food and drink, disco all for the inclusive price of £7.50

CONT 3

68. Reports in Clapper of successful COXA Events

SUN.01.06.80.

CAR RALLY.

No your eyes don't deceive you. We are going to have one in 1980 and that's definite (our ex-chairman said so). Because Dave (Martin for you newcomers) has to be home for tea the venue will be Essex - but who cares because nobody ever ends up in the right county anyway.

MON JULY '80.

MATFIELD PICNIC. (MATFIELD SCHOOL).

Another ever-popular event (with the four people who always attend). All you need to attend is fourteen children (mixed sexes are preferable) a large umbrella, a valid typhus inoculation and five loaves and two fishes. (Alternatively ring up Wilson Bowers and ask for a lift down there)

SAT.04.10.80.

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE (CLAPHAM COLLEGE)

After the enormous success of this year's event, tickets will no doubt be in very short supply from an early date. What a good reason to buy a diary and make a note in it.

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c/o CLAPHAM COLLEGE Malwood Road S.W.12.
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'IN THE CLUB

A moderate profit was achieved by the Sports and Social Club for the year ended 31.8.79. Many thanks to all our regular patrons who have supported us throughout the year.

Bar prices have been raised slightly from the 1st. Sept. We hope that this won't spoil your drinking pleasure, it was inevitable after the latest round of brewery price rises.

Latest addition to the bar is one second hand fridge.....just the thing for these cold, wintery

COXA FA EASTER FOOTBALL TOUR TO SHARNBROUGH.

Leaving Good Friday morning and returning Easter Monday evening. Games against local league sides on Saturday and Sunday. Hotel with licensed bar. Wives/girlfriends welcome. £28 all-inclusive..... Contact SCOTTY MACDONALD as soon as possible. Numbers restricted and places will be on a first come first served basis.

Scotty Macdonald.
83 Hindmans Road,
East Dulwich. S.E.22.
Tel. 693 2189.

69. 1979 Colin Garvey's best football XI and a little cricket

BEST S.F.A. FOOTBALL TEAM

Well, Brian Sanders has really put the cat among the pigeons. His all-time best SFA XI wasn't even the talk of the Old Boys' Dinner, despite the fact that Clapper had not yet come out. The arguments have continued each week at Harvery, and of course the next question comes - what about football? I don't know if I'm the best qualified person to pick this team, but I'll try to be the first. John McKeire has played longer than me, so perhaps he would like to reply in the next issue.

As Brian says, there are many problems. Firstly, we must rule out anyone who did not play regularly for a long period. Secondly, it is impossible to imagine how different players would blend - it is easier to pick the best in each position. Thirdly, players who caught the eye in the sixties were playing in lower leagues and against inferior opposition to today's Int. XI. All the same I hope I can be realistic about different players' abilities.

Anyway here goes:-

DEFENCE

MANN (Capt.)	GAVIN/McGUIRE	
MURPHY	TAYLOR	
AMARA	LEWIS	M. JONES
F. HIXON	PROCTOR	F. HIXON

As to the goalkeeper, the rivals to Frank are Mick Hart, who was more agile, Mick Beede, who was more athletic and John Geraschi, who was very good until the light began to fade. John Mann would have to come in as captain and motivator, or would be right back, at the expense of John McKeire or Sean Davigan. The centre defence partnership of Mick and Chris would seem stronger than any we have had, so that would rule out John Keenan, Gerry Fitzpatrick and Tony Gray. John McKeire must come in somewhere so let him argue that out with me in the bar, although we are leaving out Terry Cain and Dave Hartagh.

In midfield we have the hardest task. Tony Amara is the natural attacking midfield player and would score goals. If Paul Leader played deep in the middle of midfield he could use his power in the air and strength in the tackle. Mick Curran is too good to leave out as he holds the ball so well, though he may not be happy on the left. It says much for our quality if I have left out Brian Casey, Eugene Smith, Jim Howard, Alison Dwyer, Ray

Parry, not to mention Billy Pepper and Pete Brown.

I thought the forwards picked themselves, till I realised who I had left out. Keith Proctor has to be the best centre forward we've had. I would always pick Frank Hixon on the left wing. I couldn't leave out Paul, so he comes in on the right, but where does that leave Joe McIligott, one of our best players ever? Also who are Tim Hixon, Jack McKeown, John McGuire, Lynn Carpenter, Chris Smith, Mick Davis, Mick Collins and Dave Norman. To make things easier for myself I did not consider Colin Lake and Peter McDevitt, who were both youth internationals, but whose Old Boys' careers were restricted by injury. Also left out is Tim Higgins who spends much of his time kicking us in friendlies against S.F.A.C.O.

The team selected will lose me a lot of drinks in the bar. Some might argue that last year's Int. XI should be picked to a man. There is some sense in that, although I cannot believe that Keith Proctor, Frank Hixon and Tony Amara would not score as many goals as we do today. I will finish with one observation, imagine my selected team playing Newcastle with a bad referee.

Colin Garvey.

CRICKET

OLD TEAM

is the oldest playing member of the Cricket Section and having been in harness with Brian Sanders and Tony Amara for so long I naturally thought back over the span of years mentioned by Brian in Clapper 3.

Because of my slow rate of batting and inability to get out, I have probably seen more runs scored and wickets fall than anyone else.

Whilst I can't disagree with the representative side I think it is worth mentioning some players who might also be considered. Certainly in the '60's the great natural batsman during that time had to be Frank Hixon. His timing and vast array of strokes put him in a special class. Unfortunately he was always a reluctant cricketer and like Colin Lake we lost him when he married.

CONT

70. 1979 "The Elephants, The Emus, The Bullocks, The Hippos, The Rockers & The Strollers" - difficult to read, but worth the effort

Another extremely able all-rounder and Club Captain was Maurice Barratt. A tremendous fighter who went off to teach in Africa (I think).

Having kept to all the fast bowlers mentioned I think one place would have to be changed to include John Bruce. His accuracy was superb and the one he got to swing in late to knock out the off-

stump was a joy to watch.

Thanks for the article Brian. He played against a 72 year old this season who got 6 wickets against us. In another 25 years I'll only be 71.

TED HATTER.

FOOTBALL

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FOOTBALL FOCUS.

The season is now a third gone and all six XI's are well into their League and Cup programmes. Though a look at the results might persuade an outsider that the situation is fairly healthy, in reality the club is in the midst of an acute player shortage crisis. Where have they all gone? Though the number injured seems greater than usual, the club has suffered several defections in the higher echelons. Unfortunately there is only ever room for eleven players in the 1st XI. Another contributing factor seems to be the number of players now working unsocial hours i.e. jobs where Saturday off is not guaranteed, however despite these difficulties the sides are more than holding their own. (cant bear to think how much better things could be !!!)

1ST XI After last season's promotion the 'elephants' are looking good in Senior I with 6 points from 5 games. Disappointingly though, after last season's exciting AFA Surrey Senior Cup run and the triumph, the defence of the trophy has been short lived, losing 2-1 in the first round to Pearl Assurance. They have also been eliminated from the L.O.B. Senior Cup after extra time in a first round replay.

2ND XI The 'emus' have made a stuttering start to life in Intermediate South with 3 points from 5 games. Cup news is better as they are through to round three in the L.O.B. Junior Cup though they were first round losers in the AFA Surrey Intermediate Cup.

3RD XI The 'hippos' determined to bounce back after last season's relegation have made a flying start in Division 2 South, gathering ten points from 7 games. They are out of the AFA Junior Cup after a second round defeat, but are through to the second round of the L.O.B. Minor Cup.

4TH XI The 'bullocks' have made a good start in Division 3 South getting eight points from 7 games. After finishing 3rd and runners-up in the last two seasons, they are looking to go one better this year. They were first round losers in the AFA Minor Cup but are through to round two in the L.O.B. Novets Cup.

5TH XI The 'rockers' have made a hesitant start in Division 4 South gaining three points from 4 games. Defeat in the second round of the AFA Senior Novets Cup means no more interest in that competition but they are through to round two of the L.O.B. Drummond Cup.

6TH XI The 'strollers' have made a splendid start in Division 6 South with eight points from 6 games. With luck and player availability improving this sort of form should put them in with a chance. They are out of the AFA Junior Novets Cup after a first round defeat.

The boys at the club would like to wish Clapper and all it's readers a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. They would also like lots of soap, shampoo and talk in their stockings (hint, hint) because supplies have run out.

PATFINDER.

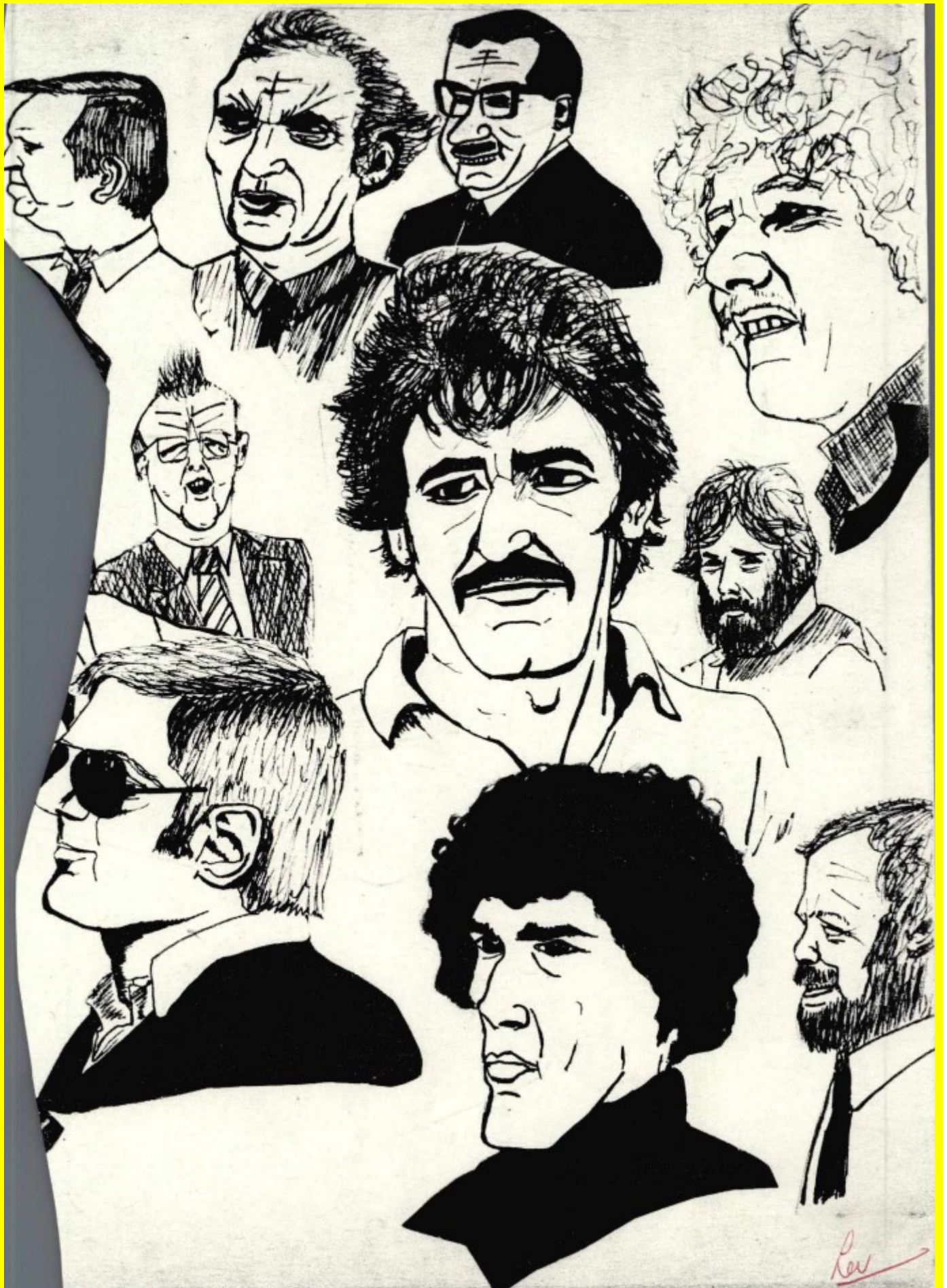
71. No idea Lev Myatt "Metalhead" was an "artist" - well not in drawing

Lev' caricatures of Clapham Staff



72. Can name most of Lev's drawings - some a mystery?

What about you?



73. Support your Association - you are the "lifeblood"; or should be!

We live in changing times. Where once it was considered a social outrage to be idle now thousands prefer to let the government and their contemporaries keep them through Social benefits. Where once people enjoyed making their own amusement creatively now millions are content to stare vacantly at a lighted wooden box for hours on end. Even those who still believe that it's no disgrace to do a fair day's work or who prefer their amusements to be live rather than canned are progressively being tainted.

This changing nature is obvious in many places - it is no less obvious in the Association. Where once football or cricket matches would be attended by scores of supporters now only the team plus one or two turn up. Where once dances were attended by hundreds now the numbers are counted in tens. Why?

All 300 were invited to this year's Spring Ball - 19 replied and 3 of those said no.

Apart from the fact that this is an appalling reply rate it is made even more unbelievable when considered against the last dinner run by the Association - in June 1970 - which was attended by nearly 200 people. After it we received many letters of congratulations on the event and assurances of future support - yet events run since have proved how false these assurances were.

It can be argued that the Dinner in June, 1970 was a very special affair but if so this does not look at all well for the Association. If the Brothers brought our members to our events we might as well pack up now. In recent years the Committee has seen several people decide to do no more work for the Association because of poor support from the members. The cancellation of this year's Spring Ball adds to this number and makes it even harder for the Committee to find people to do the work.

Basically the question is "If you don't want to come to the Spring Ball or Dance or Theatre Outing etc. what do you want?" and perhaps even more pertinently - "do you really want to belong to the Association - and do you think its worth continuing?".

Personally I'd like to hear some replies to those two questions although it is doubtful whether in their present somnambulist state many of our members (for want of a better word) will be stirred to put pen to paper, to answer a question even as basic as that.

As one of those who was coming to the Ball put it "I'm sorry it's off but it's not your fault, it's the fault of the members". Just for once - let those members justify their apathetic indifference by letting us show through the medium of a questionnaire that you'll find elsewhere in this issue what they really want, and let us know whether it's worth spending time, energy and effort on organizing and publicizing events which eventually have to be cancelled a week before the event at considerable inconvenience to those who did bother to reserve seats as well as those who had worked for the event.

Yours faithfully,
D.M. Martin

74. Colin Garvey writes - "All this for six bob a week" - [and £1.17s.6d for alcohol]

To introduce the new season, Colin Garvey writes the following as an incentive to new prospective members of the section.

"It has come to my notice that I have completed 10 years of playing for the Old Boys Football Teams - not long by the standards of Derek Rowe, Denis Quin, Henry Pinsent or Ted Hughes, but long enough to witness many humorous incidents on and off the field. Some, though oft repeated in the bar, I feel are worth recording in Coxan.

There are two incidents involving Denis Quin. At Reigate once he scored a goal from the half way line. He apologised profusely to everyone saying it was an accident but nevertheless Derek Rowe ran up and kissed him! On another occasion Denis was late in arriving at Balham so he took two taxis and the train to arrive on the pitch at Reigate just on three. Unfortunately, after five minutes he kicked the ball into the lake and as there was no spare ball the match was abandoned.

John McGuire was involved in an incident at Bromley. He was severely lectured by the referee - nothing very remarkable in that, only John was only a spectator! Talking of referees, John Smith, an old friend of ours came into the dressing room at Rose Hill before a game "Now Clapham, no ... arguing today and no ... swearing. Any questions?" "Who won the cup in 1947?" quipped Mick Powell, thus becoming the first Old Boy to go in the ref's book before the game. On a visit to Norbury he was paid his pound after the match, and went into the club house where he lost it in three hands of 'Brag' to John McGuire and Sean Gavigan.

We once went to Addeyans minus Keith Proctor, injured (he had scored 4 against them in the previous game). Their skipper said to me at the toss-up "Where's your blond centre forward - there's only one way of stopping him and that's why he's playing" - pointing to a gorrilla-like figure in a number 5 shirt. Needless to say we played 5 wingers that day.

At Sidcup, I remember us leading seven-nil, when suddenly their captain had to go to hospital with a badly gashed cheek. At the final whistle he reappeared covered in bandages looking very much the worse for wear. "You lost" said Frank Hixson as he marched past him to the dressing room.

Carthusians (Charter House Old Boys) were always complaining to the referee about Tony Amura - "Referee, that frightful little fellow from grammar school is turning this into a market place". A minute later Tony whistled past three defenders to score. "What's the score, Rodney?" shouted Tony.

Mickey Foy was renowned for the lateness of his tackle and once scythed down an opponent at Norbury. "That was very late" the opponent muttered picking himself up. "Yer, and they get later" said Mick nonchalantly. Willy Pepper, a little older than Mick, said to me just before extra time in a cup-tie at Bromley "Here, Col, you and I are over 25, let's sneak off while no-one's looking."

Rich Clarke one Saturday morning by chance met Pete Whelan at Watford Gap service station travelling north. Discovering that both were on their way

to Old Trafford (or was it Hillsborough) to watch Chelsea, Rich guiltily admitted that he was due to play for the 3rd XI that afternoon. "So am I" replied Pete loyally. Both teams lost.

Perhaps the last word should go to Ted Newman. We were 3-0 down to Salesians in the cup. Brian O'Connell had weaved through our defence time and again and had scored all three. I said to Ted at half time "You've got to nail this bloke, Ted - tackle him hard." Ted replied "you tell me which way he's going and I'll jump on him."

All this for 6 bob a week.

75. Postscript by Mike Collins on the 24-1 win over St Walter St Johns

1970s Footie Report

Was heading up on to the roof (to throw myself off after yesterday's Villa result) via the loft and instead remembered the piece of paper with the details of that score - see attached.

Quite a few of that team are still around but others have I think disappeared from sight altogether. Where are they now eh?

Memories of the game:

Pete Brown refusing to pass the ball even more than normal when he realised there were goals for the taking and going on 60 yard dribbles

Almost the entire Clapham team applauding them when they scored their solitary goal [at 17-0]

Me getting slated by Andy Morrison for putting our 5th attempt past the post - we'd scored from our first four shots

For the return game at Raynes Park, they'd loaded their team with second eleven players - surely not a co-incidence? I kicked off and immediately got taken out at the knee by one of their players. From the free kick we scored, which wound them up even more. I think we lost something like 6-2 (which wasn't an unusual score line in those days) so we didn't feel we'd been thrashed. {We brought in "Tim Hixson" as our "ringer" - spent most of the 2nd half trying to get himself sent off - no joy he was rubbish at fouling. Harry Hickland" spent half the 1st half getting "changed" in his car [well that's what we thought he was doing!]

Regards

Mick's 24-1 result? Written up elsewhere....

XAVERIAN NEWS

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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 Moore.

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.

76. Personalia 1972 - Fifty Years

PERSONALIA

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Having sold his betting shops, John Rosati (1955) has moved house and now runs the Barley Mow somewhere in Sussex. Anyone who knows the precise location might let the Editor know.

In the same tradition, and carrying where they left off on School Sports Days, Lawrence Lake, C. Doble and Paul Zazzi (when not studying at Balls Pond College!) are all reported to be working in betting shops.

Congratulations to Ted Corrigan who gets married in Jersey next May, and apologies to John Shorthall who doesn't. John was reported to be marrying in Birmingham in last issue, this should have read 'navvying'.

Other forthcoming marriages are rumoured to concern Emar Colletta (in December) and Charlie Doble.

Tony Gray is back from Brussels and his name once again appears in the 1st XI football team. Phil Gray is still living in Paris, but has moved from Peugeot to a chemical firm, still prefers Guinness to Biere D'Alsace.

Maureen and Pete Murphy have another baby - Andrew - a brother for Lisa. They are now living within a stone's throw of Norbury. Equally proud are Alex and Sue Morrish of their newly arrived daughter - Rachel.

Dennis Healey (1962) at present working at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office soon goes as a diplomat to Budapest (or Bucharest).

R.W. Pollock (Grandma or Polly to his friends at College) has rejoined the Association; was at the College 1924-29 and would like to hear from contemporaries - knows John Jones and Derrick Jones and works as an Inspector of Taxes.

Alex Morrish is now working in Kings Road, Chelsea and will soon be moving his home to Shirley.

The following is extracted from a recent copy of the Evening Standard:

"Mr Nicholas Scott, 38 year-old Tory MP for Paddington South, topped the batting and bowling averages for the Lords and Commons cricket team this season. He played four innings for an average of 37.5 including a score of 113 in the match against the Guards. His bowling average was 9. In seven overs he took five wickets for 45 runs".

University Freshmen 1971

Kevin Bond - Goldsmiths College
Michael Galtrey - Hull University
Donald MacDonald - Goldsmiths College
Brian Shorthall - Camberwell Art College
John Cloak - Surrey University
Zbignier Gechanowicz - Surrey University
Mark Roszkowski - Poly of Central London
Michael Collins - City of London Poly
Peter Siwecki - St Mary's College
Michael Murphy - Birmingham University
David Breen - Bournemouth Poly
Przenyslaw Bogdanowicz - Chelsea College
Julian Carter - Philippa Fawcett College
Richard Clark (1972) University of Kent
Robert Kennedy - Chelsea College
Desmond Keenay - St Mary's College

1973 - Disco , "get down get boogie" - Did you go? Who was the artist?



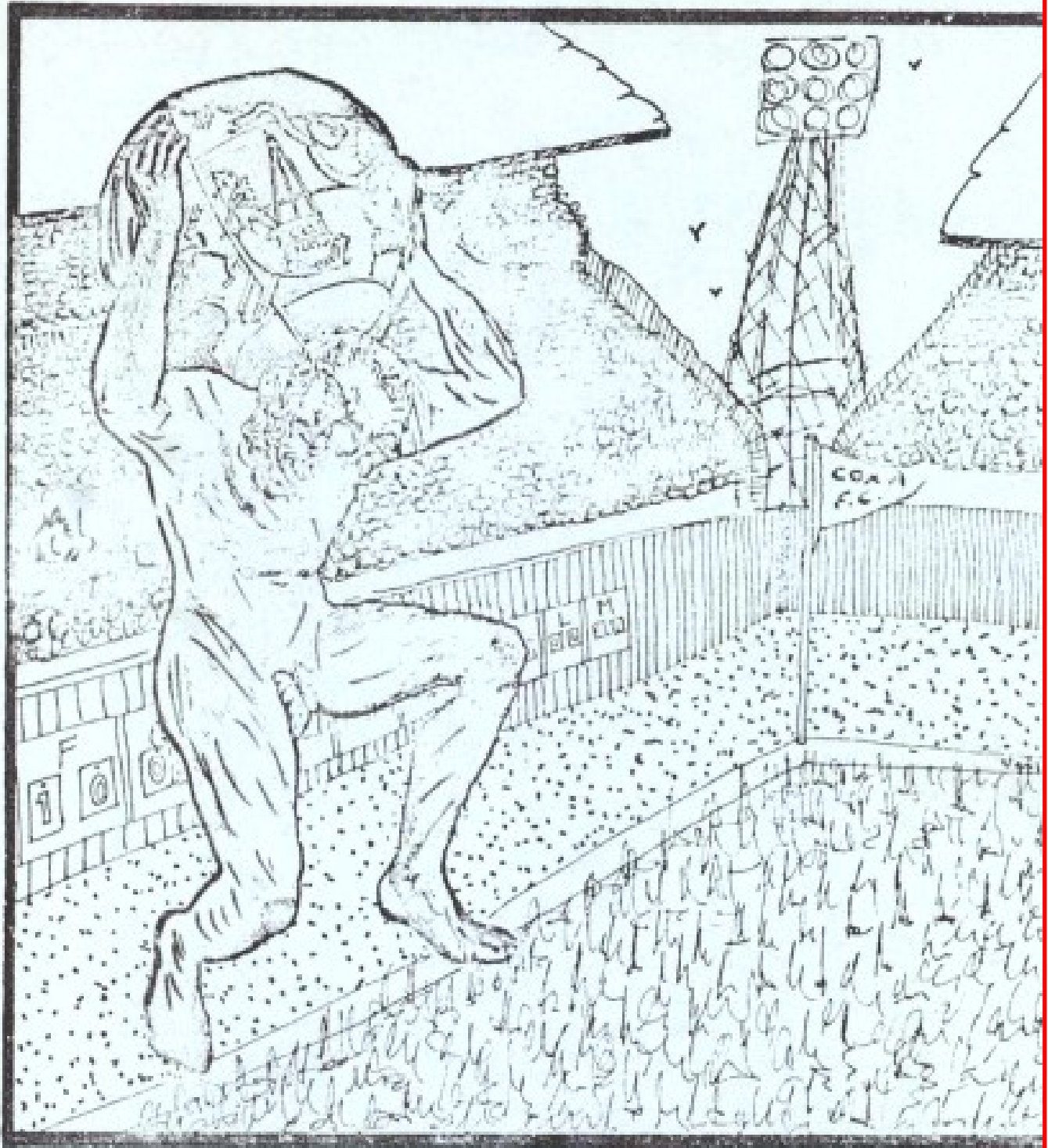
Disco Mania

BAR

25p.

WILD-LIGHTS & STEREO-SOUNDS
COLLEGE DINING CENTRE
FRIDAY 17th DECEMBER
8 : 12 pm.

CLASHAN OLD XAVERIANS ASSOCIATION



"I knew I shouldn't have gone drinking before the match - I feel stoned out of my head"

By the mid-Seventies Concordia was a distant memory, Old Boys were regularly updated with COXAN, but not more 100. Something was needed to be the more in-depth "organ" of the Association. In this void "CLAPPER" was created.

79. December 1976 COXAN - more "social events"

EVENTS REPORTS

SOCIAL SIDE

1. BAR-B-QUE and RIVER BOAT SHUFFLE

Only COXA could arrange a riverboat shuffle in NOVEMBER and an evening Bar-B-Que at the end of August. Despite the ridiculous timing, the Bar-B-Que was perhaps the most successful venture ever held at Norbury. (That's if you exclude every Saturday Night after football).

Over 80 people were served with steak, sausages, onions, salad, french bread and a glass of wine for the unbelievable price of 75p. The catering was organised by Phil Roderick-Jones, ably assisted by 'Cat' and Mark Roskowski - A superb job carried out in near darkness.

One of the dressing rooms was converted to a mini "Cats Whiskers" and dancing followed to the sound of the HIXSON tapes. Our grateful thanks go to the Cast

CHEF	Phil Roderick-Jones
FOOD/MUSIC	Tim Hixson
BLACK PUDDING	Colin Garvey
PORKY	The Pig
ELVIS	Graham Hudson
THE DRUNK	Pat Burke

POWELL/WEBBER PROMOTIONS INC.

P.S. The Bar takings of £125 were a record for Norbury.

If the Bar-B-Que was the most successful event at Norbury, the Riverboat Shuffle on 21st November was one of the most successful elsewhere. Midst dire warnings to "wear something warm for there isn't any protection" on a bitterly cold November night 150 members and guests packed into a 100 ft Thames pleasure cruiser - glass enclosed with a Disco which soon found its correct r.p.m. and promptly raised the temperature to about 90°F. Clothing became divested quickly, the Bar's greatest problem was collecting empty tins, and all in all it was a great evening including the 100 Club Draw and a grand raffle. Well done Scotty and helpers - just one thing - can we do it again in the Summer?

2. BOXING DAY

The Boxing Day festivities at Norbury last year consisted of Knockout Football, Darts Matches, and Beer Swilling (thank you, Mrs. Gore, for mopping up the swill!), with 70 persons packed into the Norbury Clubhouse.

The keen, energetic footballers were divided into four teams:

The Old Old Boys, The Hairy-faced Mob, The Sydenham Girl Punters, The Sprogs.

80. 1977 - Brother Damian RFP

Br. Damian C.F.X.

Gerald Sunderland was born in Weighley in the West Riding of Yorkshire in 1912. He entered the Xaverian Juniorate and Novitiate at Deeping St. James, Lincolnshire in 1928. He died at Mayfield College, Sussex in 1977.

His career, blocked out by those three dates, can be condensed into a single sentence: his was a life ruined by illness. The sentence, however, must be immediately amended by the addition of some words such as "Humanely speaking" or "from a worldly point of view", because Br. Damian was one of those rare people whose true vocation is to suffer. Illness was the central and essential feature of his life. From his Novitiate days - maybe earlier - he was subject to most severe attacks of migraine. These attacks incapacitated him so completely that he was forced, at times, to lie for two or three days together in a darkened room.

To be an able and popular teacher - he had a degree in Classics from London University - and yet to be forced constantly to abandon the classroom for the sickroom oppressed and depressed him. With advancing age the severity of the attacks increased and in latter years he became a semi-invalid.

He taught mainly at Clapham (1945-1957) and Manchester. He was one of the small band of Brothers who established Foxhunt Manor Preparatory School, Waldron, Sussex, in 1936. This, judging by his conversation was the period of his life that he looked back upon with the greatest satisfaction; and, more particularly, when the small boys at Foxhunt were evacuated to Aberdovey and he had to act literally "in loco parentis."

As befitted a Yorkshireman he was in his younger days a keen cricketer and always remained a devoted follower of the fortunes of his native county. He had a wry sense of humour and was in his quiet way very good company, especially when his malaise let his essentially warm nature show forth.

He died of cancer. His funeral was conducted by his brother, Father Ambrose of the Order of Passionists. Eight priests in all concelebrated the Requiem Mass. In its way, this distinguished funeral was a fitting end to Br. Damian's earthly life.

81. Aug 1976 - COXAN Cricket Report

CRICKET

At the time of writing this report we are two thirds of the way through the current season. Through the strenuous efforts of Mick Grice we have managed to field a Saturday and a Sunday side nearly every weekend.

Saturdays have seen the re-emergence of that dour Bromleyonium Ted Hayter who has been seen to score a fifty and a few other useful scores plus an exhausting return to wicket keeping. The side under Graham Hudson has enjoyed variable success with its blend of youth and experience and I hear that they are a particularly good fielding side. Suchal Solomon has been their main batting star and has one century and a few fifties plus many wickets to his name. Brian Sanders has made his maiden fifty and also taken a few wickets much to the delight of his four favourite supporters. Other useful contributions have come from Mick Butler, Chessky (Januszewski), Dave Murtagh, Paul Carter, Rob James, Tim Hixson and Scotty McDonald. There is no doubt that the Saturday side have enjoyed their season so far very much and that it will be very useful training ground for future members of the stronger Sunday side.

On Sundays our overall fixtures have not been so strong but we have become a much better side all round than we have in recent years. Chris Smith, John Mansi, Paul Hixson, Mick Power have all scored fifties and Mick Duffy who scored his maiden fifty in his first game, has scored five or six this season. The absence of 'Ben' Benedict has robbed the side of an opening bowler and hard hitting bat but we have gained through the experience of Tony Amars back to playing a regular wicket keeping role.

RESULTS TO DATE

Saturdays

1. John Fisher Old Boys 149 for 6 v COXA
108 (Solomon 42) Out. Lost
2. COXA 125 Out v. Culver
Sport 129 for 7 (Solomon 4 for 36) Lost
3. COXA 94 Out (Solomon 39) v. Eltham and Ladywell 66 out (Solomon 7 for 41)
Won.
4. COXA 138 out (Sanders 58) v. CHEAM,
Parrish and Sutton Baptist 74 out. Won.
5. Midland Bank VII 144 out (Sanders 5 for 14)
v. COXA 146 for 4 (Solomon 100). Won.
6. Kingston Methodists 162 for 4 (Sanders 4 for 72)
v. COXA 153 for 7 (Hayter 58) Drawn.
7. COXA 144 out (Solomon 66) v. Old Collians III XI for 7. Lost
8. Queen Marys Hospital 183 for 9 (Smith 5 for 39, Carter 4 for 70.)
COXA 48 Out. Lost.

82. Stan Miller - Cricket Captain writes....

1977

9. COXA 175 Out (Hixson T. 44) v. Chessington III XI 148 for 5. Drawn
Played 9, Won 3, Drew 2, Lost 4

Sundays

1. COXA 184 for 7 (Duffy 67, P. Hixson 56, C. Smith 38 not out)
V. Harrods I 153 for 8 Drawn
2. Old Coudeon 217 for 8 v. COXA 131 out (Duffy 92), Joel Cap Lost
3. COXA 202 for 4 (Duffy 60, Bond 39, Power 36) v. Old Elthamians III
16 Out. (Smith 4 for 3) Won
4. COXA 125 for 9 (Miller 45) v. Griffin 38 out (Smith 4 for 22 Miller,
6 for 12) Won.
5. Coxa 176 for 6 (Miller 38 not out, Hixson 36 not out) v. Old Tiffinians II
54 Out. Won.
6. COXA 203 for 4 (Duffy 53, Power 68 Not out)) v. Ewell Village 115
for 4 Abandoned.
7. COXA 168 for 6 (Duffy 54 Power 35) v. Tolworth 53 Out (Miller
4 for 24). Won.
8. Old Whitgiftians 2nd XI 158 for 9 (Solomon 4 for 30) v. COXA 159 for 5
(Smith 16 not Out) Won
9. West Kent Wanderers 18 for 5 v. Coxa 97 for 7 Drawn
10. Crayder C.C. 146 for 9 v. Coxa 148 for 5 (Mansel 55 Power 40) Won.
Played 10, Won 6, Drew 2, Abandoned 1 Lost 1

Stan Miller

Stan Miller "WAS" COXA Cricket - ability supported by the equally famous **Grice, Power, Duffy, Benedict, Amura, Hickey, Hayter**, the rest of us were merely "supporters" on a mid-year football break.

83. Personalia - so much to digest - news of the Xaverians

Paul Du Feu has made Time Magazine - additional personal details to be found in "Cosmopolitan"

Mick Scott MP has made the "Dailies" again. It's reported that he is almost certain to join the MCC Committee, although he supported the Bishop of Woolwich (David Sheppard) in his campaign against the tour by South Africa in 1970.

Mick Magee, at present working in Northampton, met Pete Whelan, by chance, in a pub up there (not that it's unusual for Old Boys to meet in a pub) - Mick remembered to get Pete's new address in Lenham, Kent.

The following is the whereabouts of some former members of Staff:

H SHEPPEE	: Vice Principal at St Mary's College of Education
BRIAN ATKINSON	: English (and logic) Dept at Coloma College of Education
TED JOHNSTONE	: Head of Chemistry Dept at St Mary's College of Education
ERIC HUGHES	: Headmast of St John the Baptist School, Woking
TOM GILMORE	: Head of French Dept at Christ the King College of Education, Liverpool
MICHAEL RATHBORNE	: Head of Visual Aids Dept at St Mary's College of Education
DON ROBINSON	: Department of Mathematics, Larchester College of Advanced Technology, Coventry
DAVID STIRZAKER	: Was teaching at St Benedict's, Ealing, then St George's, Weybridge
TOM MARSHALL	: Head of PE & Games at Battersea Grammar School
BOB CUMMINGS	: Geography Dept at St Mary's College of Education; now visiting the US
TONY WARR	: Head of Latin Dept in school in Norfolk
MIKE WALKER	: Head of Chemistry Dept in school in Hampshire
HARRY SCOTT	: Retired
ERNIE WRIGHT	: Retired, dabbling in antiques
LIAM SMITH	: Dept of History at Goldsmiths' College, London University
GEOFF BARRA	: Dept of Economics at Exeter Technical College

P.T.Hilligan was married on 26th February 1992 at St.Bede's Clapham. He is a student at the University of Sussex

Peter King (1965) has played his last game of the season for COXA. After the game on 26th Feb. he hit the trail to Katmandu to find himself, despite pleas from Tony Gray that he could find himself in the Clubhouse.

Chris Smith (1964) has just made a comeback for the COXA Football section after two years and three stones above ce. He claims he will be back in the 1st XI by the end of the season. Paul Nixon is taking bets.....

84. Colin Garvey writes - John McGuire the victim this time -

"JOHNNY'S JAUNTS"

by Colin Garvey

"There's a stropky bloke here called McGee or McGuire looking for a game". The voice at the end of the phone belonged to Noel Tierney, recent school-leaver and a member of the 5th Eleven. He was at Balham several weeks ago, meeting the 5th Eleven whilst all the other teams games had been cancelled. Obviously he was talking about our John who robbed of a game for the 1st XI had gone to Balham to poach a game for the 5th XI. The incident is typical of John's continuing enthusiasm after 15 years of Old Boys Football.

He began playing for the Old Boys in 1960 and couldn't make the 1st XI in his first season (then he was calling for the older players to be dropped - now he wats them kept in!). However once he gained a first team place he became an automatic selection for perhaps 15 years. Obviously others like Peter Brown and Henry Pinsent have played for a longer period but there is no-one who has been so long in the 1st XI. John played an invaluable role in the teams revival under Jonh Keenan, captain Tony Amura and Phil Leeder. His goals were vital in the winning of Divisions 2,1 and Intermediate South in successive seasons as well as the Surrey AFA Junior Cup. He was also part of the team which reached the Royal Exchange Six-a-side final in 1968 and the AFA Cup Final in 1971. He is playing just as big a part in the 1st XI success this season.

John has also gained a reputation for his running battle with referees made all the more amusing by the fact that he referees himself on Sundays and sends off more players than John Yates (if only we could get those two together on one pitch!). Referees have taken a lot of abuse from John over the years but several incidents stand out. Referee John Smith took his name once but tore the note up in th Bar when he won 12 from John at Cards. Another time John ran through to score, only to be given offside; the other players howled in protest and we waited for John's explosion - Actually he's quite right" commented John and we all fell back in astonishment. Recently he had his name taken after the game - actually in the dressing room (the mind boggles) whilst another referee warned both sides before the game about arguing. He pointed to several individuals including John - "Who's arguing?" shouted John. Lastly in the second game of a doubleheader the referee shouted at John who was arguing "I've warned you before about arguing" said the ref. "On no that was last game" laughed John and ran off, for once he was right.

John was told by the doctors to give up playing 8 years ago and has been told the same by the 1st XI this year but I think he knows we're joking.

Following that what else could we print but the Football News starting with the 1st Eleven

Since going to press in last Coxan the 1st XI have maintained their lead at the top of their division despite suffering two defeats. The first was against Old Sinjuns in a doubleheader. Without trying to make excuses the team was badly depleted by absenteeism and we did have no less than 5 goals disallowed. The defeat by Phoenix Old Boys can only be attributed to the teams bad play which was definitely their worst performance of the season. We have also been knocked out of the Old Boys Cup in the quarter finals by Old Strandanians 4-8, who have since made the Final. On the credit side we have had some fine victories particularly a fine 6-0 beating of Glyn U.B and 5-0 against Meadonians. Provided we re-capture our early season form and consistency we should win our division with points to spare, the crunch games being a double header against Old Salesians on April 12th.

85. 1976 Football Team Reports

2nd Eleven

At the moment the 2nds are in the middle of a string of very fine performances. Since the turn of the year they have played 6 league games winning 4 and drawing 2. The team as a whole has been playing some of its best football and the only pity is that if they had started the season in such fine form then promotion would have been theirs for the taking. Without detracting from the team as a whole the return of Mark Roszkowski does seem to have been a significant event in the change of their fortunes.

3rd Eleven

How on earth the regulars of the 3rd XI can put up with each other week after week never ceases to amaze the members of the other teams. Despite their claims to being the best drinkers in the Club it is probably true to say that they are the best punters in the Club with Ben Benedict, Ernie Larkin and Mick Powell being the mainstay of the post-match card school. Perhaps one reason for their lack of success is Mick Powell. A lot of good things have been written and spoken about Mick but none of them have anything to do with his football ability. The average age of the the midfield trio is 37 which must say a lot for the spirit of the team. The back 4 is made up chiefly of hardened drinkers perming any four from Tubby Lucas, Mick Cusserly, Terry Price, Paul West and Tad Ciechanowicz. The strike force is led by those two able punters Ernie and Ben who not only score goals but do a lot of talking in between.

So there in is - the 3rd XI, summing up - drunkards at the back, experience in mid-field and plenty of talk up the front. But for all their faults they'll probably avoid relegation and remain the best-loved team in the Club.

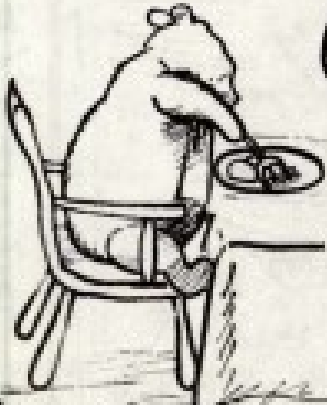
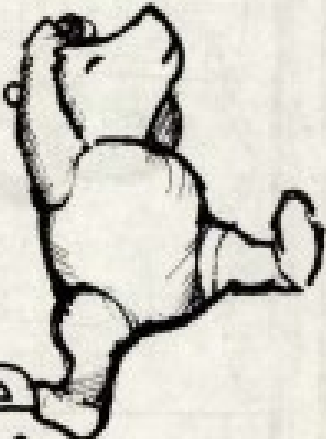
The above three reports came from the pen of John Mansi to whom any complaints should be addressed directly.

4th Eleven

The 4ths now look as though they will narrowly miss promotion. They have now dropped eight points in 13 games whilst the two teams above them dropped only 4 and 6 points. This means that the teams promotion hopes depend upon their rivals dropping points in the run-in. Nevertheless the Eleven continues to play good football and in the promotion clash with Josephians the referee rated both teams better than the teams playing two divisions above - tis pity we canst not play there! It has altogether been a successful and very enjoyable season and there is still (faint but possible) that outside change of promotion.

5th ELEVEN (yes 5th)

A unique event has occurred- a fifth Eleven captained by Peter Wills has been launched and after a couple of unfortunate reverses has won its first game. This included a goal scored via a Bicycle kick by Martin McGrath-younger brother to Mick-strange how the whole family is a bit flash. It now means that every old boy who wants to play currently is playing and that one or two schoolboys have been integrated into the team - all in all its a very promising development

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Address.....

87. Old Boys Football Teams of the 1970s - little glamour but honest sweat



88. Frank & Alan the guys who saved Norbury [in their spare time]



Early COXA Touring Team



20 YEARS OF COXA CRICKET TOURS

Some time ago (in fact, quite a long time ago - sorry, Mick), the Clapper editor commissioned me to write about the club's cricket tours. Well, finally I'm getting off the mark after being at the crease for a few overs (but nothing new there you're all thinking...). This article will be the first stage of a journey back over the last two decades of Clapham Old Xaverians Cricket Club tours (yes, it really has been that long!), while for the future I hope that fellow tourists can be stimulated into providing in-depth exposes of some of events and excesses of the more eventful, which I merely touch upon or have omitted altogether (which is quite likely, as uncommon with many of the COXCC regular tourists, my memory cells are becoming an endangered species. So, if you would like to recount some of your favourite touring moments, or even some of the better cricketing moments, of which there has been quite a few, in fact. Mick will be only too delighted to receive and publish your reminiscences.

I believe we have toured somewhere, for at least a weekend, each year since 1973, except for 1980, though why we didn't tour that year is not clear. As far as I can recall, it was because the up-front planning which ideally needs to be done by Christmas "fell through the cracks". Up to then, Mick Grice had been involved in organising every tour, so maybe this was the year Mick stopped playing for a while, and we simply didn't pick up the ball from him. The only other exception to our touring record was when we toured jointly with St Paul's CC, but under their name, whom Mick Power captained and for whom several of us played on Saturdays. Overall, that's a pretty good record I feel, considering that most years we have changed venues and so had to build a completely new set of fixtures. Most clubs tour the same area each year,

playing the same teams and staying in the same hotels. COXCC tours have been so memorable in part because of the new grounds, teams, and characters that we've seen each year, as well as of course getting stuck into the different local beers, which is all part of the touring experience. Indeed, when we did start to establish a pattern, going to Frocester (in Gloucester) for three years (1987-9), there was a spontaneous, shared reaction (xxxxxx hell, we're not going to that dump again...) that we must go somewhere different.

So, where did it all start? In 1973, we went to Norfolk for a long weekend - Friday to Sunday. This was organised by Phil Roderick-Jones and Mick Grice, faces (if not names) unfamiliar with many of my younger readers. Phil was an FX trader (along with Ernie Larkin) and wicket-keeper extraordinaire, who was sent off to Singapore for a while after burn-out during the heady, hectic City days of the 70's when foreign exchange was deregulated and many COXA boys made and lost their fortunes, and hasn't played cricket for COXCC since, though he has been spotted quite a bit. Mick, aka as "The Heavy Roller", was Mr Organisation, running the club almost single-handedly as club secretary and fixtures secretary, as well as bowling a tight and spiteful medium pace. He even started opening the batting for a while, scoring a fifty or two. In this role Mick suffered the worst fate imaginable for a COXCC opener when he strode out with me, at 11.30am at Beckenham on the main pitch - our showpiece Sunday fixture - and was walking back to the pavilion at 11.31am, having stepped, first ball, in front of a straight one, making more of a gesture than a stroke in the general direction of mid-wicket, with an unsympathetic opposition umpire giving him the dreaded digit. I stayed in the 2 hours to lunch (probably ending on 15

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n.o.) to be greeted by Mick who'd waited two hours for me to confirm that the ball was miles down the legside, which I couldn't, unfortunately, do 'cos it had swung enough to straghten onto middle stump, and he was plumb in front. This reminds me of when Phil was umpiring at square leg in one match at Norbury; there was a close call for a run-out, for which Phil leapt in the air appealing, and on landing gave the decision as out. He loved to get involved in everything...

Anyway, Phil and Mick came up with the idea of a tour and off we went to Acle, in Norfolk. Unfortunately, we did not pick the driest weekend of that summer, and we completed only one game, and that was a reduced overs affair. The Friday game was against Acle, and your correspondent claims the distinction of being the first batsman to suffer a tour dismissal, caught at slip as I recall shortly after tea, just before the heavens opened and the game was washed out. I opened with Paul Hixson who hit a sprightly 20 n.o. or so. So who else was there? Well, Stan Miller was captain at that time, and Tony Gray was there too, with his French fiancée (wisely staying in a separate hotel), and a (lately teenaged?) Ben would have opened the bowling. (Just thinking about Ben's age in 1973, I may be somewhat "pessimistic", since Ben was, by his own admission just 33 years young at the start of the 1993 season, which means he was in fact a mature 13 year old on the first tour, which in turn meant he was playing 1st XI cricket for the school aged 6. He's always been a bit precocious. Still, even then he's not the youngest-ever tourist, as Tom Benedict toured with us this year, and even took two wickets.) Apart from those mentioned already, other 1973 tourists were John Mansi and Dave Burnham, Wilson Bowers, possibly Kevin Bond, Seamus Burke, and Andy Mansi, and definitely Mick Power, more of whom later. Does anyone remember who took

the first touring wicket - was it Ben, or maybe Tony Gray or Mick Grice? Had Stan Miller started bowling by then?

Saturday's game started late because of the previous day's deluge, and we lost that having batted first. Your correspondent further enhanced his touring record by managing to run out Stan after we had had a poor start, extinguishing our remaining hope of a challenging score to set the opposition, especially since Mick Power was otherwise engaged that afternoon (see later). More rain fell overnight and our last match (against Walsingham?) was called off early on the Sunday morning. This gave us plenty of time to kill and we toured around looking for a pub which sold drinkable beer. (Just an aside, but by the early 1970's the big brewers were busily removing individuality from pubs and taste from beer in the cause of corporate image and a uniform product, and East Anglia was an early sufferer from this policy; hence the search that morning, though I think we ended up in a Watney's pub in the end.)

So much for the cricket; there was plenty of activity off the field. Some of the tours are better known and recalled by an appropriate epithet rather than a location and year. Thus, "Somerset, 1979" means nowhere near as much as "The Black Cat Tour", as with "Warwick, 1977" rather than "The Pernod Tour", or even "The Fuhrer's Tour". So with "Norfolk, 1973", instead of which I, for one, find "The Dead Man's Tour" more intriguing and evocative. (Sorry Ed, but truth will out...).

After the Acle game on the Friday, we hit the hotel bar quite early, as a result of the early finish. Naturally, there was an extra buzz that evening, being the first tour night. We applied ourselves to the local draught - Greene King I think, luckily avoiding the abundant chemical fizz to

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which I have alluded already. The locals were a little intrigued by the ever louder Sowth Lunnen accents, and as we drank with the opposition, some of the regulars gave an impromptu performance of local bar-room talents, in particular one chap who could do passable impersonations of well-known sports commentators. I know we responded in kind, but I can't remember the details. By around 9pm or so, most of us were pretty hungry, and high-tailed off to Great Yarmouth for the first tour Chinese. (We went there looking for Fish n' Chips ...). Mick Power decided, with one or two others, that more GK was preferable to meal D for 12, so stayed in the bar, which is where he was when we returned two hours or so later. Many things happened during the rest of the evening and that night, including a raiding party to barricade one of the rooms from the outside. (The proprietor eventually got up to find several COXCC personnel trying to fix a spare bed up against the doorframe... at which point proceeding for the evening were completed.) However, one thing that *didn't* happen the next day was Mick Power. The next morning, I can remember, with Wilson, trying to raise the comatose "Power", but to no avail. We managed to balance a glass of water on Mick's forehead which stayed upright, with no danger of toppling - proof of a serious condition prevailing. Everyone came up to look at Mick, who was even then considered as the senior Pro, experienced in all matters cricketing, deep-thinking and dynamic captain of St Paul's, (probably still had FEC scratched on his box), to see what cricket touring really was all about, and vowed to do better the next evening. At any rate, the general conclusion was that we had a "Dead Man" on our hands.

Meanwhile we had the problem of logistics for the day's match at Wymondham. The good news for Mick was that he wasn't

required to play, given the circumstances; the bad news was that we had to move to a new hotel, as Mick and Phil had for some reason set up the tour this way. (A golden rule for tour organisers which emerged gradually was that changes of accomodation are to be avoided in almost all circumstances.) After some persuasion, Mick arose, Lazarus-like, to join the rest of us and move on. Remember Wilson's orange VW? Mick was laid out in back thereof. This wasn't such a good arrangement, as we had to stop several times on Mick's behalf for "comfort breaks", none of which required adjustment of trousers, and the VW being a 2-door job caused the loss of precious seconds in getting Mick out when the call came. We got to Wymondham without Wilson needing a major interior clean-up, and dumped Mick in the hotel while we went to the game.

We had quite a Sunday lunchtime session, and all of us being young and able to take it, met up for the evening at a Young's pub near Wandsworth prison. The last I can remember is being thrown out at 10.30pm and continuing the revelry outside, probably singing "The Wild Rover" and other such traditional songs. So ended the first COXCC tour. I doubt if I, for one, went to work the next day...

Touring as you will have gathered from the above was received well by COXCC and for 1974 a "full" tour was set up by Mick and Phil again, "full" meaning Wednesday to Sunday inclusive but with a rest day on Friday. I believe we have avoided rest days on subsequent tours, as for some the day *without* a game of cricket turns into a day of heightened intensity in off-the-field activities, making cricketers less willing and able for cricket than playing the extra game. (In short, a day's drinking does more damage.) We had split venues again, staying 1 night in "The

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County Hotel" in Salisbury, then 3 days, a bit more downmarket but eminently more suitable, in a pub in the village of Corfe Castle. 1974's is referred to simply as "The Dorset Tour". The Wednesday game was against a village side Little Durnsford, and was our first introduction to what village cricket is all about. Rather than playing a side of fairly uniform individual standards by and large, midweek village cricket will typically put you up against a mix of young and old, farm workers to local Lord of the manor, and county second XI to Bank 7th XI players. What you also normally see is a decent spin bowler, and a good, fast track as opposed to a pudding-like rec ground (ie something like the Norbury strip which we played on until that year). Our opposition batted first and were actually 0 runs for 2 wickets - Stan doing the damage I think - from which point the No 3 scored an effortless ton, for many of us the first ton we'd seen scored by a good player, with sixes clearing the midwicket boundary, the hedge, the road, and landing in a turnip field. So, we had over 200 to chase and we didn't make it, but we had a great night in the local pub drinking a nice, fresh local brew straight from barrels "out the back" - it was Ushers, brewed in nearby Trowbridge, taken over by Watneys but still brewing their traditional gear. Anyway, excellent stuff, and we had a great night. I seem to remember someone trying to play a set of drums which was a fixture at the back of the bar. Nobody seemed to mind...

Eventually we headed back to Salisbury for a tour meal and ended up with a Chinese again. Now here's a true story which has been told many times, but it did happen. We were sent upstairs in the Chinese restaurant, and ordered whatever, and made a general nuisance of ourselves, including asking for separate bills, arising out of arguments over who'd ordered and drunk what, but with the likelihood also of

avoiding part of the payment. Naturally Mr Lee Ho Chow was severely unimpressed, but of course had to comply with our request. Off he went and returned with the bills, by which time Ben had decided that he'd really prefer not to pay at all. A traditional "runner" is a little difficult from a first floor location, but undaunted, Ben climbed out of the window and down a drainpipe, while (he thought) the staff wouldn't notice. On completing descent of the escape route, Ben turned to move off, but was greeted by our alert proprietor with the (now immortal) words "Your bill, Sir", and presented with the said instrument of financial exchange. Recognising a class act when he saw it, Ben did paid up rather than just scarping, as he could have done I presume.

We played Broadstone on the Thursday, which was a brilliantly verdant setting in the middle of a dense wood. The cricket was less taxing and I believe we won. Another dimension of touring was opened to us that day - *The Tea*. Broadstone was the first truly memorable tea: masses of sandwiches, home-made scones with jam and clotted cream, cake - the lot. Stan's reputation for teas dates from this day; while eyeing the assorted delicacies, the rest of the team did start with a couple of sandwich quarters at least - we did go to a grammar school, after all. Not so Stan, wild eyes ranging over the table, who piled straight into the chocolate cake and cream teas. It also explains why Stan is usually seated at the end of the Tea table: everyone tends to get there ahead of him...

Friday was a rest day and several were the worse for wear for the remaining games. Saturday's game was against Poole, whose ground was right next to the sea presenting yet another novel cricketing experience of invigorating sea air and seagulls. We lost, being bowled out for a lowish score, but I do remember Ben bowling really quick

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that day on a quick track. Even if you bat poorly, a reputation can be redeemed with some quality play in the field, and Ben's bowling helped provide that on this occasion. Sunday we played on an army ground at Blandford Forum, Dave Burnham getting a 70 on a ground with huge boundaries. The pub we stayed in at Corfe Castle provides good memories, again a story already well-known. We gave the bar a fair bashing on the Friday - no match remember - and once everyone had arrived back from Poole (which reminds me... see later...) our friendly host seemed to visibly sag when he realised that far from finished we had a long and continuing session in mind. By around 3 am or so, he pleaded almost, "Aren't you lot going to bed tonight?". The response was in general negative, at which point he left the keys on the bar and simply said: "Just help yourselves. Lock the place up when the last one goes up, and put your money behind the bar somewhere." A reasonable request from a reasonable chap, and naturally we complied. I think he was quite pleased with the night's takings when he found them the next day. The other incident which came to mind just above was what happened after the Poole game, which was a fair distance from Corfe Castle. In the Poole CC bar, various tourists enquired about "where it happens around here" (or whatever the in-phrase was then), to which the response was "Bournemouth", even further from Corfe. Logistics presented a problem as too many drivers wanted to go to Bournemouth, while too many passengers wanted to go back to Corfe. The problem was solved by stranding some of us at Poole - quite simple, really. One was Sid, a mate of Ben's, who came along as "The Tour Drunk", and another was Stan. Those of us left called a minicab which cost a fortune (£10 or so), and sat brooding and in an ever-blackening mood back at our pub. The swingers returned at long last, and Sid confronted

Ben - he identified him as the instigator of all this although Martin Parker and Mick Power were involved too, Martin being the St Pauls's wicketkeeper guesting for us - and Sid poured a pint of beer over him as a token of non-appreciation. Anyway, we got over it - that is, all except Stan who wandered around the village all night thinking dark thoughts.

In 1975, the organisation was left a little late, but we managed to get Saturday and Sunday games lined up, one being against Little Durnsford again, and the Sunday game v. Huntley & Palmer (the biscuit people, and, yes, it was a Cracker of a game, a Nice ground, ...) at Reading. Ben (that name again...) had some "WILTSHIRE WEEKENDERS" banners made up for the cars' rear windows and thus labelled off we went down the M4. I don't remember too much about this outing, except being beaten again by Little Durnsford. I do remember Ben giving Stan his banner, though, and Stan screwing it up in a ball and throwing it away - still smarting from the Poole abandonment, or was there a subsequent Ben/Stan altercation, I wonder? Saturday night we spent in the local Usher's pub but the jam session didn't happen as the previous year. I assume we stayed somewhere local but don't recall the place. On the Sunday morning we motored back to Reading, stopping for some fresh Henley Breweries ale before the start.

The Huntley & Palmer ground was really quite something; a two-storey pavilion with full-blown scoreboard above, a belter of a wicket, and impeccable outfield, just the conditions for big scoring, and for winning the toss of course, which we didn't. Ben was obviously inspired by such grandiose surroundings, and a fast, bouncy wicket, and forced a chance to 2nd slip from their opening bat. (Ben's recollection is that it was "a doddle", "straight to 'im", "would have been held

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by my Granny without stopping 'er knitting", etc, whereas my recollection was of a ball which flew of the upper outside edge shoulder-high and to slip's right.) I am afraid that Dave Burnham, the slip in question, couldn't hold on to this particular "dolly", and their man was reprieved. The bastard went on to score 192 n.o. out of 270 or so - really not a bad knock, I suppose. This must be the highest score made against COXCC, so thanks, Dave, for allowing that little piece of history happen. Well, we had a good tea at least (as you'd expect there, I suppose...) and went out to bat, but not very well I'm afraid. Stan, who seems to remember this match quite well (he would have been captain then), is insistent about how well John McGuire played to score 20-odd not out and save the game, with us on something like 140 for 7 wickets. As it happens, I remember our innings quite well, as I played one of my most satisfying on-drives (yes, I did used to on-drive!). Their batting hero, naturally full of himself in the field, seemed to volunteer himself to field close-in as they were trying to prise us out and win the game. Matey posted himself at a fairly silly mid-on, and they had a fastish bowler in action, who served up a half-volley on or around leg and middle, which I timed quite well but which, instead of giving me a well-earned boundary, smashed into said fielder's right ankle, and he had to be carried off the pitch. We saw him in the bar with his foot in a bowl of cold water; I don't think he bought a jug... The only other memory I have from this game is of Stan ordering his batsmen outside before they went to bat, rather than staying inside the dressing room from where you had a great view of the game, "to get used to the light". Thus ended 1975's tour, ingloriously.

Before leaving 1975, I should note that this was Dave Burnham's last tour as he moved away from London. Dave was a

teacher at Clapham, tall, dark, good-looking, and a valuable sporting asset for COXA, as an opening bat and change bowler, and a goal-scoring 1st XI centre-forward (or whatever they're called these days; according to John Hickey a striker in those days was a sometime public employee, and he should know). John Mansi & Dave were the regular openers and you simply could not prise them apart; always next to each other in the changing room, they'd sit together in the bar afterwards discussing each other's innings, and how they'd braved the fearsome opening attack leaving the rest of us to mop up the easy runs. I suppose good opening partnerships do develop emotional as well as sporting bonds; they need that unspoken understanding, the looks which say nothing and mean everything (or at least, let's have a quick single...) We'll never see their like again.

1976 took us west again, to the Cotswolds, but back on a full tour programme of Wednesday to Sunday. This was the joint St Paul's/COXCC tour I mentioned above, and provided both a stronger playing body as well as some interesting conjunctions of characters. A big issue with the St Paul's element was whether the Pains would tour. Anyway, the presses are warming up and Mick wants his copy, so for now the story will halt, to be continued with, among other happenings, how Ben and "The Pig" tried to burn down our hotel...

MICK DUFFY



95. "Stop Press" - Aidan Flood writes -
OK it's half and half but his story ends in the

CLAPHAM COLLEGE 1966-1973 **Aidan Flood** Remembers

It all seems a very long time ago but some of the memories stay with you. One of the very first memories is of a group of us very nervous new boys standing in front of **Br Peter** whilst he threw questions at us. He was clearly disgusted that none of us had the faintest idea what a "tramp steamer" was. He was a bit too fond of doling out the cane. Luckily it didn't happen too much to me but I remember a really scared boy pulling his hand away at the last moment and **Brother Peter** hit himself on the leg. It was hard not to laugh!

I can remember the class register. It was recited every day so we probably all know it. The A's and Alphas didn't have much crossover as far as lessons were concerned so there were several teachers I never got to know. Some I really liked, others were ok, and a few others shouldn't have been teaching. **Brother Christopher** was ok. It was funny how you could always negotiate him down when he tried to give you lines for messing about. We had the obligatory geology trip out to Box Hill.

Gobbo the music teacher plugged away though we weren't really interested in recorders or classical music. He got a lot of respect when someone brought in a reggae album and he played it, took it seriously and analysed the rhythms for us. Everyone liked **Jake Richens**. He really was laid back and I don't remember any attempt at trying to teach us anything. A couple of kids were naturally talented but the rest of us messed about. I remember him best for shooting pigeons and warning us in the 6th form when there would be a uniform inspection.

I don't really remember much about the Brothers. **Ambrose** taught history and **Mazda** (can't remember his name) taught French. I liked **Brother Dunstan**. I think he had stopped teaching by then but was always around his greenhouse after school and we would play bowls which I have always liked since then.

Rob James despite being a rugby player fitted in much better at Clapham as the Head of P.E. He took a rugby and football team down to Pontypridd for a weekend. There was a frozen stream across part of the football pitch which you had to jump over, or you'd go flying. The referee was the Welsh lad's teacher and there was no way he was going to let us win. It was embarrassing. We couldn't get a throw in, a free kick, anything. I think we kicked up such a fuss that **Rob** refereed the second half. Good disco in the evening though.

Aidan Flood continues - His Story of the early

Mick Casserly could be a good laugh. I wonder now what he thinks of making boys kneel on those big iron heating pipes arms outstretched weighed down with heavy textbooks. We accepted an awful lot in those days. I completely failed all maths exams. I didn't understand most of what **Brian Casey** said and like most of us I was terrified of **Eric Tope**. You didn't mess about in his class! **Terry Clegg** was ok but you could easily throw him off course in his lessons. I still remember our long hair standing on end using the Van de Graff Generator. Something about prisms as well. I guess something must have gone in. I remember him being a very efficient bouncer at the school discos.

At one of them the band Black Cat Bones played. They were very good but I don't know now whether **Paul Kossoff and Simon Kirke** were playing or whether they had just left to form Free. **Graham Hudson** was definitely one of the good guys. His lessons were good and he never talked down to you.

We probably all have those teachers that really made a difference. I have two from Clapham College and they don't seem to have got much of a mention. One was an American that taught English, **Brother Alexander**. He came into class with the record player and Sgt Pepper. No-one even knew there was a school record player. He played us some tracks and said he wanted us to write something using alliteration like Polythene Pam. I was stunned. I thought he was brilliant. He got me a grade one O-Level a year early. Another thing about **Brother Alexander** was his honesty. When he told us he had to leave, and we demanded to know why he said he liked women and drink too much and was being sent back to America. I never forgot that he didn't fob us off with some nonsense. I'm afraid **Mr Begley** was a big letdown after that. He had his favourites and we caught him out more than once by switching homework, so he thought it was by one of his favourites. He would give a high mark and when he was told it was actually by another boy he thought was rubbish he would just mark the work down. And we were supposed to respect these people.

The other teacher taught History when I was in the 6th form, **David Nebesnuick**. First impressions weren't favourable. He looked an easy touch. Then he gave us all back our first essays and told us to rewrite them. We were outraged. Nothing like that had happened before. Well, we rewrote them and pretty soon realised his teaching methods were exceptional. He really made you think instead of just reading the textbooks. I credit him with doing a History degree when I finally went to University.

97. Aiden Flood completes his “Pen Pictures” of Clapham College

I didn't have much to do with **Cecil** until he became Headmaster, but I always got on with him. He was very fair and not beyond apologising if he was in the wrong. I was captain of the 2nd eleven and he turned up to watch a match. At half-time he had a real go at me because we looked a mess in cobbled together kit and were players short. He hadn't realised that regularly **Colin Garvey's** prima donnas in the 1st eleven wouldn't turn up and he would take players and their kit from the 2nds. When Cecil confirmed this, he was gracious enough to apologise. I also remember him doing Law O-level as an extra alongside the A-Levels. Ten lessons, ten essays and one extra O-level for me.

I wish they were all that simple. I seem to remember that he stopped us taking Religious Knowledge as an O-level. I could see why but as we had all learnt stuff by rote since junior school it seemed to be robbing us of a guaranteed O-Level. I also remember him buying us drinks in the Windmill on the Common. A few of us were in there one evening after school, hiding our uniforms and sitting quietly. **Pat Fletcher** came in and the barman refused to serve him and made him leave. On the way out a furious Pat pointed over to our table and shouted truthfully that he was the oldest one there.

Style wise we were a mishmash of fashion. Lots of us had grown our hair long and wore cheesecloth and loons but it was also the time of skinheads so there were lots of Ben Sherman shirts, Sta-Prest trousers and Dr Martens and some of us were a mix of the two. If there was a dividing line between us it was probably down to whether you were in the brag, crib or bridge schools. A great 6th form memory is that Cecil let us use a room under the biology lab (I think). We had a record player and we all paid in something each week which was enough for each of us in turn to buy an album. I bought Juicy Lucy's Lie back and enjoy it which I still have and still listen to.

A final memory. For some reason I was in detention. Whoever was head prefect was calling out the names and there was one person missing. After a moment the truth dawned on him and he demanded to know which prefect had put **P.Enguin** in detention.

I never knew who **P.Enguin** was but I salute him.

Aidan Flood

On Page 102 Frank Barretta adds talented musicians - I omitted these - apologies!!

Joe Williams – Guitarist and Vocalist

Arthur Williams – Guitarist and Vocalist

Franco Cornelli – Member of the Skunks - Guitarist and Vocalist

Gerry Lambe - Member of the Skunks - Guitarist and Vocalist

Pete Boland – Bass Guitarist and Vocalist

Mickey Burke – Drummer and percussionist

99. 1972 Ernie Wright at the Old Boys Dinner at the 211 Club Balham

1972

Forty-seven Old Boys and friends sat down to a Sausage and Mash supper in the upper room of the Polish "211" Club in Balham. The Guest of Honour at this informal occasion was

Ernie Wright, who has recently retired after 27 years of teaching Chemistry and Biology at the College. After the meal fifty-one Old Boys (how did that happen?) joined the Chairman, John Keenan, in proposing a toast to Ernie, who in reply, recounted one or two of his more amusing moments at Clapham.

He remembered teaching R.I. but couldn't keep control, so sang hymns most of the time; he remembered teaching Chemistry to a German boy before the War who was so grateful that he joined the Luftwaffe and was shot down over Battersea trying to bomb the College.

He also remembered far more Brothers on the Staff than ever taught at Clapham



The 6th Form Picture is L – R: Greg Alexander, Nick Crean, Mick McGowan, Dave Knight, Glen Flaherty, Brendan Hollier, Bob Audino, D'Souza, Bernard Rajewski late 1970s.

99. Gary Chivers professional footballer, Chelsea.

Pen Pictures of the “Boys of the Seventies

This was a truly difficult piece to write. In most cases the evidence was not really there in the Database, many names were missing. The names don't come from the College files, but from one constructed through lists of school trips, lists passed to the Old Boys for Football, the stories YOU write and the odd Prize Day Programme. So please forgive me for gaps. If this is YOUR decade and you feel frustrated / hurt by any omission, please write I will add to the Histories and might end up in the next Concordia.



Gary retired from professional football in 1995. He then played non-league football in Sussex, becoming a chauffeur (with his own stretch-limo) for a living in Surrey, before going on to work in the football-related media and in private coaching. Gary was a defender.

In 1978 Gary made his debut for Chelsea, something hundreds of Clapham College footballers had dreamed of in the past. [maybe Palace]. He did what we all thought we could do, played professional football!

Senior career*			
Years	Team	Apps	(Goals)
1978–1983	Chelsea	133	-4
1983–1984	Swansea City	10	0
1984–1987	Queens Park Rangers	60	0
1987–1988	Watford	14	0
1988–1993	Brighton & Hove Albion	217	-14
1993	Lyn Oslo	4	0
1993–1995	AFC Bournemouth	31	-2

Gary was one of the boys who switched over from St Gerard's.

100. Great School Names of the 1970s

Matthew De Bergolis Mod Lang 6th Form Prize

Minh Van Lam 6th Yr Maths Prize

Michael De Rhune Government & Politics Prize

Norman Mendonca, Queen Marys Chem.Phy

Herman Mendonca. Royal Holl. Econ & Bus

Kevin Wix St Gerard's Boy

Christov Gebhardt—just a good name

Andrew Frizicki another cracking name

Gaetano Rifugiato Director Applause Leics Musician

Tom Purcell, now what can you say about Tom, ..well almost anything. tricker winger, South African “emigrant”, Cape Town DJ, now residing in Scotland [voice of the Club – so he'd have you believe].

Walter Avrill [below] a successful Financial Consultant Clapham College 1974 to 1980.



Paul Dee, emigrated back to Ireland – Member of Irish Defence Force

May Gay [lawyer] defended Greg Rusedski and Rio Ferdinand in drugs-related cases.

Des Silke, Irish Dancing Champion, Teacher and Adjudicator

Darrell Alden writer, also in “Band of Brothers” , emigrated to USA

1974 Foley John became a School Chaplin



101 More “names” from the 1970s

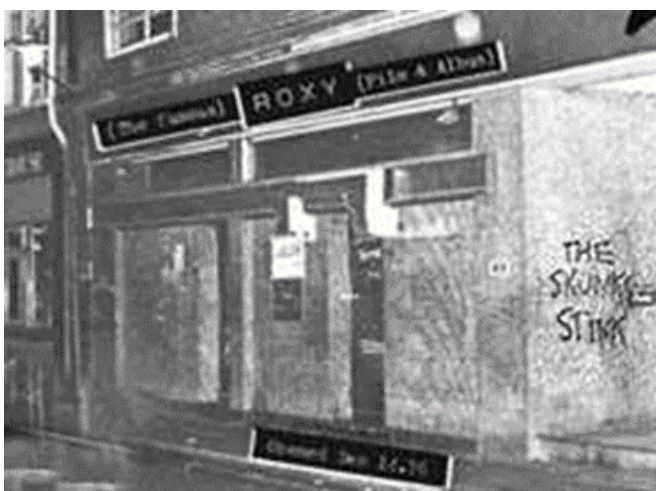
Strange Phenomenon – Girls names... Karen Smith, Susan Daly, Gillian Rodrigues, Michelle Monticello, a guitar solo in the end of year concert Paula Atteridge [won the Physics Prize]

Clapham Boys – Footballers; who were at the College in the 70s and went on to join the Old Boys and play football. Many played for a year or two, recruited by the “Footballing Teachers”. **Carlos Freese**, Footballer/Cricketer/Tourist; **Jim Gallagher** footballer [died very young], **Aidan McLoughlin** [one of many], **Chris Megoran**, a real entrepreneur and footballer, who ended up [after a bit of building and chauffeuring of stretch limos moving to Spain [where he still is]. Chris was involved in coaching of Spanish semi-professional teams.

Steve George 1971 to 1977 footballer and BA Aircrew [once shared a flat with **Laurie Mullane** [brave man], then there’s **John Leathem**, brother of the famous Chairman, but a footballer in his own rite. 1stXI footballer, [Canterbury] defence/midfield, recognised by the Old Boys League. **Ray Murphy** [1970-1977] another quick and skilful 1st XI regular. Joining these two talented footballers is **Frank Barretta**, a goalkeeper for a start. Played for decades or the 1st XI, DJ, Record Producer, long-time COXA Committee Member, the organiser of the VP Lunches and long-term groundsman at Norbury [with Webber/a saint!]

Now a group of footballers who fall into a happier, footballers, love of the game, bounced around the COXA XIs, but always there always good “Clubmen”. Starting with **Roy “the boy” Hartnett**, a real talent, all action midfielder, “3”, “2”, “1” at Stop...tourist, youthful looks. **Lawrence Mullane**, another talented “in and out” of the 1st XI footballer, again youthful rugged looks his COXA Career possibly hindered by a questionable temperament and living in New York. Regular return trips to London the reacquaint with his COXA chums. **John “Bambi” Norton** a centre half and part of the 3rd XI Championship Winning Team. Didn’t play as many COXA games as you’d have imagined, what with him turning out for Old Addeyans, in Bromley [we’ll they were around the corner!]. **John Flynn**, of the flowing locks and stylish touch. A scorer of great goals rather than a great goal scorer, Gerard’s boy. .. **Head Boys** [I know there were more, but most have already had a mention!...]... **Francis Crean, Kevin Shean, Trevor Octave, Bob Murtagh.**

Franco Cornelli, Gerry Lambe and David Munns were in the group “The Skunks”



102. Frank Barretta, adds Musical Talents [from 1970s Clapham College]

Andrew Drudy – Guitarist and Producer

(now retired and living in Australia) (Clapham College 1971-78) Put together a Tubular Bells show. That featured a 10 piece band and played a run of shows at the prestigious Trading Boundaries in East Sussex as well as a show at The St Alban Arena. Tubular Bells is plated in full as well as many of the many hits that Mike wrote and produced throughout his very prolific career.

Tony Skinner - 40 years as a professional guitarist, Director of the Registry of Guitar Tutors and London College of Music Principal Guitar Examiner, compiling ground-breaking guitar exams that are now widely used across the world. Tony (Clapham College 1971-78] is one of the true masters of the guitar he now specialises in writing and performing solo instrumental acoustic guitar music.

Pete Farrugia - Professional guitar, bass guitar and ukulele teacher.

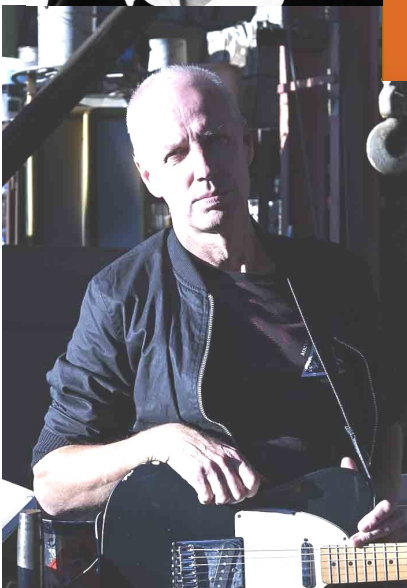
Session musician and member of the Registry Of Guitar Tutors.

(Clapham College 1971-78)

Mauro Montuschi

Professional pianist and Actor (Clapham College 1972-80)

Paul Barretta – Drummer and percussionist specialising in teaching children and adults with Special Educational Needs. Clapham College 1972-80)



103. Clapham College Boys, destined to be All England Schools Football Champions in the 1980s

1974	Anuwanyu Chimzie	All England Schools Winner
1974	Clynch John	All England Schools Winner
1974	Costello Brendan	All England Schools Winner
1974	Curtis Steve	All England Schools Winner moved to New York
1974	Cusack Mick	All England Schools Winner
1974	Heath Tony	All England Schools Winner
1974	Jimenez Tony	All England Schools Winner Entrepreneur Newcastle Utd
1974	Mackey David	All England Schools Winner
1974	O'Neil Steve	All England Schools Winner
1974	Ramerois Julian	All England Schools Winner
1974	Petrozzi Roberto	All England Schools Winner
1974	McGarahan, Tony	All England Schools Winner [Psychopath]
1974	Gibbs Ray	All England Schools Winner
1975	RAY scored SEVEN goals v Hydeburn - the result was a 10-7 win	

Many, many individuals and events have been missed
in these 100-odd pages.

But I hope the previous 100 pages give a flavour of the 1970s

Please remember it is never too late to add anything

So now on to the 1980s, any "copy" readily accepted, Scotty

The 1970s were another major decade in the story of Clapham College and the Old Xaverians. Major “players” left the College and joined the Old Boys. They were players in terms of the Old Boys for another 50 years, in supporting us at every event. But they were also players who played from any COXA team from the 1st to the NINTH, yes 9th XI.

The teachers became part of the Old Boys, many of them played football and cricket and the boundaries between “them & us” were removed forever, friendships were made between all generations, people like Derek Rowe, Don Mulvihill, Harry Mellor and Brian Sanders were part of the same scene as the footballers, Paul Hixson, Kevin Bond, David Burnham, Ernie Larkin, Colin Garvey and Tom Duffy. The Brothers had left a legacy that lives on into this century. The ethos is still there and those never even taught by a “Brother” are part of that rich heritage they left us. The school amalgamated with St Gerard’s with barely a hitch. Mr Pocock had his years as our Headteacher, he really was “one of us”, he stayed on with the move into that fabulous new building as Deputy Head. He was that “sinew”, that “rock” that had to be there between the “old” and the “new” Clapham College.

The intake of the College exploded from 66 to 150 overnight. New teachers blended with the “Old Guard” and this was reflected in the Old Boys who grew from three to NINE sides, and Trophy-Winning ones at that! Take-off into the 1980s...