



Concordia



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RIP HRH QUEEN ELIZABETH II



"Grief is the price we pay for love". Queen Elizabeth II



Brendan meets the new king, Charles III

The "Eggheads" of Clapham College



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details.



**Clapham Old Xaverian
"Eggheads"**



2022 Meeting of the Falcon Boys of 1950s Clapham College



2022 Jules Carter and 1980s Jules [with Uncle Brian]





The Chairman's Report January 2023

Dear friends and fellow Old Xaverians,

Happy (merry?) New Year

Ahead of this month's Annual Chairman's Lunch, I write to you in exciting times.

Coming up in no time, is The Lunch itself. This year, it has proven to be somewhat controversial. The change of venue from the Oval (aka Money-Grabbing-Shabby-Service-Second-Rate-Menu – for 2023, at least) to The Union Jack Club in Waterloo, meant a reduction in capacity to 120 guests. While the last Oval Lunch attracted 135 people, the number of disappointed OXs would be minimal, and your Committee unanimously agreed that the Oval's very steep increase of price per head (£75) and the much cheaper UJC for a meal which on the evidence of two lunches already well-received, was a good, if difficult decision. The decades-old tradition of not paying early or even paying on the day seemed to have gone out of fashion suddenly. This is a good thing; see you there. Not **Father Michael Creech**, though, and he will be sadly missed.

Another sold-out event this Summer is the Somme Trip. Once more, great thanks are due to Scotty, Mick McLoughlin and Aidan Coletta for the organisation of this year's trip to Ypres and the surrounding area where we will visit the last resting place of several more OX battle heroes which Aidan have identified and located.

A New Year's walk across Epsom Downs on 2nd January attracted 12 walkers, with another half-dozen proving faint-hearted in the teeth of Carol's inaccurate weather forecast. (I still love her.)

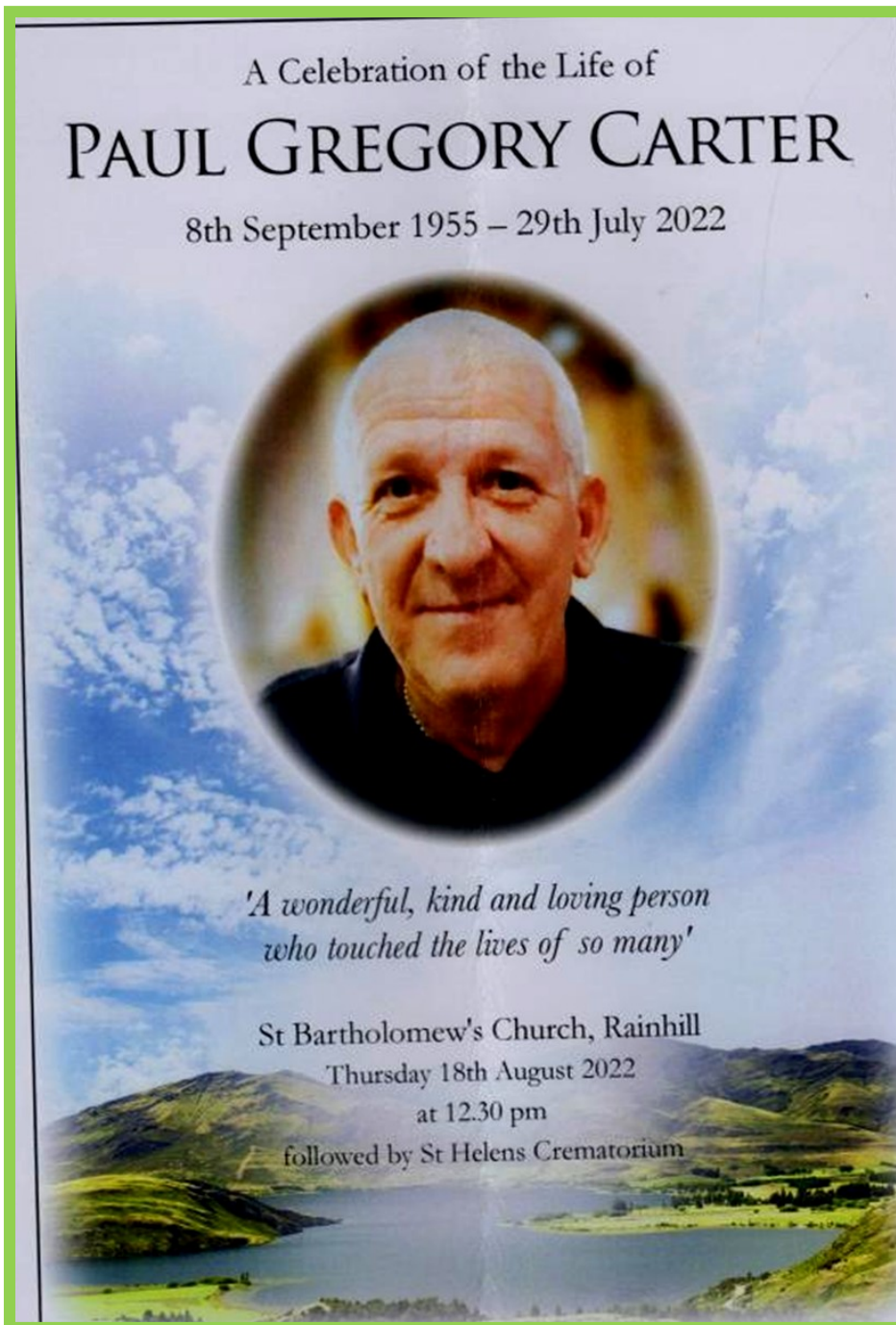
Also ahead of The Lunch is a proper elitist event for which there is no apology. Eight Committee members will host **Ted & Sheila Hayter and Brian & Jackie Sanders** at The RAC Club in Pall Mall on the 8th January. Recognising what those two men (and their wives) have contributed to this Association is an honour and a privilege. (No Association funds will be expended during the execution of this lunch!!)

I mentioned controversy at the top, and as with the lunch, so with the walks and the Somme. A few dear souls felt that the exclusion of tardy or wavering attendees was not fair. That sentiment is noted at Committee level. Never mind.

Yours, David

Chairman, Clapham Old Xaverians Association Jan 2023

Old Xaverian David Sanders writes on OX cousin Paul Carter

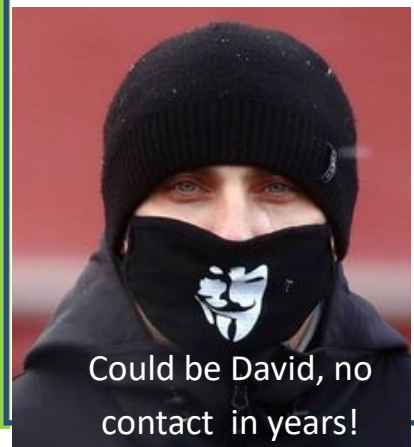


Scotty, I hope this finds you well.

Now the tricky bit. **Paul Carter** died on July 29th and his funeral was held on 18th August

I'm sorry you didn't know, I assumed that my Dad [Brian] would have told you. My Dad hasn't ben well and after a couple of weeks in hospital (due mainly to catching Covid there!) he was back home and has staged a pretty full recovery. That is perhaps why he hasn't been in contact re the death of Paul.

Dad's a lot better now .



Back to Paul.. At some stage in May, June 2021 , I think, he suffered a big stroke. After further investigation widespread lung cancer was discovered, this is what had caused the stroke. He suffered a second stroke in July from which there was no recovery and died on Friday 29th July. His funeral was held at St Bartholomew's RC Church in Rainhill, Merseyside on 18th August and a cremation followed. His brother **Julian** (Clapham from 1964 I think) gave the eulogy. Paul left 2 daughters, Emma and Laura, from his first marriage. Another daughter, Chloe, came from his (brief) second marriage and he leaves a son, Jamie (aged 19) and a daughter, Ava (aged 11) from his 3rd wife, Kim, to whom he had been married for just over 20 years. I attended the funeral with 2 of my brothers, **Andrew and Philip** and we were honoured to be pall bearers. Ill-health prevented my dad Brian, from attending. Very sadly that only leaves 3 of the 8 children born to my maternal grandparents living, with **Julian** the only remaining OB. Best regards. **David Sanders**

Jules Carter, Clapham College 1964-71, Guitarist, brother of Paul

About

The Jules Carter Trio are three pro players at the top of their game. Together eight years, the trio are now playing their own original songs in an exciting amalgam of blues, rock, and jazz styles, influenced by the great blues trios of the past, but with hints of Steely Dan, Eric Johnson and Mike Stern in the mix. Great players playing great music; with loads of gleeful improvisation and jamming thrown in. Not to be missed!

Jules Carter Trio... great players, great music, exciting blues/jazz/rock.

'Did a wonderful recording session for the Jules Carter Trio... keep Reelin' Jules, such fun!' - Elliott Randall. (This session was for the song 'Purdie Shuffle', which will be on our second album mid 2013).

"Julian, you're a f*****g great guitar player, thank you for all your care and help, much appreciated" - Paul Reed Smith, PRS Guitars, Maryland USA.

Experience

Jules Jules Carter Trio

2006 - Present 16 years

Three pro players at the top of their game. Together eight years, they are now playing their own original material in an exciting amalgam of blues, rock, and jazzier styles, influenced by the great blues trios of the past, but with hints of Steely Dan, Eric Johnson, and Mike Stern in the mix. Great players playing great music; with loads of gleeful improvisation and jamming. Not to be missed! Recent gigs include appearances at the prestigious and multi award-winning Hebden Bridge Blues...

Guitar Peripatetic Teacher. Sherrardswood School, Welwyn.

Sep 2005 - Jul 2018

Sales Rep

Studiomaster 1999 - 2000 1 year

I've know Pete Farley for 20 years, and worked with him at Studiomaster for a year. What he doesn't know about pro-audio isn't worth knowing, and a great bloke too! I recommend him highly.

Julian Carter. **Sales Manager** Stentor Music Co Ltd 1982 - 1997 15 years

Education

Clapham College

1964 - 1971

Philippa Fawcett College



Recommendations

Tony Qunta

"Jules is a great guitarist and vocalist who plays with a beautiful sound and feel. He writes excellent soulful compositions. I nicer more easy going person you will not meet either!"



Hi Scotty, Paul's death was a huge shock, and we're all still stunned by it. I've lost four of my five brothers now, two of whom were Clapham College boys. The other two went to St Gerard's, also in Clapham. Two of them (Paul and Kevin, both younger than me) were victims of cancer, as was my sister Frances, Brian Sanders' wife. All were smokers. My music career was finished off by illness and Covid, so I'm fully retired now.

Catch up for a drink with you sometime mate, Jules

Thanks for that, some interesting stuff. The Jake concert poster, Friday 24th November, was in 1967. The Klooks were my brother's band, and I was there. During their soundcheck Jake saw me sitting on the stage playing my brother's guitar. A typical CC teachers' comment of "you'll never be any good at that" was made, which I've never forgotten. Jake now has a copy of my all-original (written by me) second album to prove him wrong! Cheers Mate, Jules [Dec 2022.]

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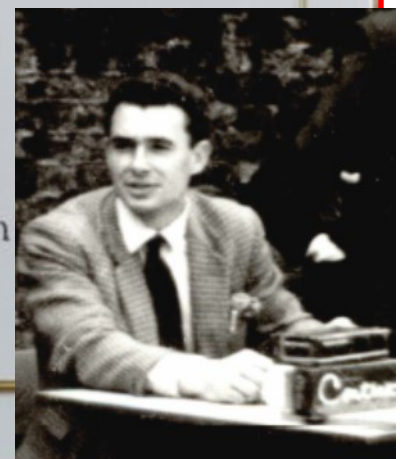


WILLIAM REGINALD KIDD

10th July 1939 - 10th June 2022



Huntingdon Crematorium
Thursday 23rd June 2022 at 4.00 pm



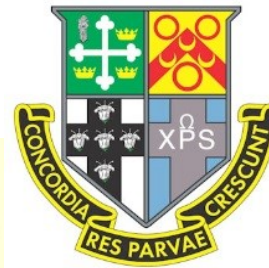


CLAPHAM COLLEGE

SPEECH
DAY

University Students (First Year)

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| A. COX. | Regent Street Polytechnic. |
| D. McBRIEN. | Reading University. |
| R. McTERNAN. | Queen Mary College. |
| A. MORRIS. | St. George's Hospital. |
| R. KIDD. | St. Mary's College. |
| P. McDERMOTT. | Outside Right for the England Grammar Schools' Team. A special sports prize. |
| COLIN LUKE. | The School Captain receives the Headmaster's prize. |



ADVANCED LEVEL—1957

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| I. AVSEJS. | Pure and Applied Maths., Russian, Physics. |
| J. CHAMBERS. | English. |
| * N. COONEY. | Art. |
| J. COX. | History, Art. |
| L. G. DAVIS. | Latin. |
| V. FELZMANN. | Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics. |
| M. HOPPER. | Applied Maths. |
| D. HUGHES. | French, Zoology. |
| A. INSOLE. | Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics. |
| M. IVERS. | English. |
| * J. KESSLING. | Art. |
| R. KIDD. | Geography, Pure and Applied Maths., Chemistry. |
| D. McBRIEN. | Zoology, Chemistry, Botany. |
| * P. McDERMOTT. | Pure and Applied Maths. |
| B. McTERNAN. | English, Pure Maths., Applied Maths. |
| * J. MATTOCK. | Art. |
| J. G. MURPHY. | Zoology, Chemistry. |
| A. MORRIS. | Zoology, Chemistry. |
| J. NOULTON. | Italian. |
| M. ROURKE. | Pure Maths., Applied Maths. |
| * M. SAYERS. | Pure and Applied Maths. |
| * B. SHEPPEE. | Pure and Applied Maths. |
| A. SPARK. | Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics. |
| * A. STEWARD. | Pure and Applied Maths. |
| * A. STRINATI. | Pure and Applied Maths. |
| N. WHELAN. | Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics. |

* First Year in Form VI.



Thought this might be of interest? Dan Condon

Vauxhall History

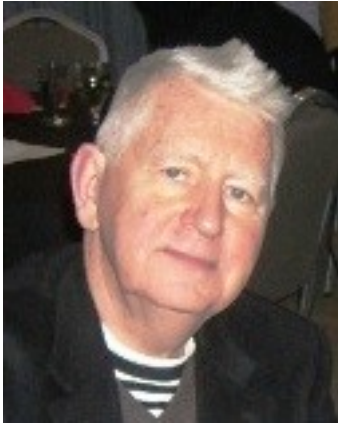
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The exhibition will be at St Michael's Church, Stockwell Park Road, London SW9 0DA.*

**By kind arrangement with Stockwell Parish.*

Dates and times

- Saturday 30 April 11am–4pm
- Monday 2 May 5–7pm
- Tuesday 3 May 2–4pm
- Wednesday 4 May 5–7pm
- Thursday 5 May 5–7pm
- Friday 6 May 5–7pm
- Saturday 7 May 11am–4pm



Note: The exhibition is **not** open on Sunday 1 May.

ENTRANCE IS FREE

I know **Dan Condon** [above] looks like the Sculptor, Artist, Author of this piece but he is in fact the guy who copied and emailed it to “The Editor” - more please! Yes, I found this article “interesting”, Vauxhall comes within the remit of our Xaverian area of interest/sphere of influence. Dan Condon was a “feisty” defender, renowned COXA tourist & a qualified surveyor.

Follow “Vauxhall Online”

Stockwell War Memorial: A Centenary Exhibition

The Friends of Stockwell War Memorial & Gardens are to hold a week-long exhibition in April to mark the centenary of the war memorial's Grade 2 listed clock tower and to recalling its history and significance.



The dedication ceremony took place on 3 May 1922. Photo courtesy of Richard Kingston.

The clock tower was erected in memory of the over 570 local men who died in the 1914-1918 War. A vast crowd attended the unveiling on 3 May 1922 by Princess Alice, the youngest daughter of Queen Victoria. The restrained classical design by a young Lambeth architect, Frank T. Dear, won a Royal Academy competition.

Stockwell War Memorial: A Centenary Exhibition will focus on the themes of Remembrance, Community and Renewal. It covers both the memorial building and the two other structures on the site. One is the World War Two rotunda – an entrance to the deep-level air raid shelter below. The other is the Bronze Woman statue (by Ian Walters and Alexis Barbat), which celebrates the contribution of the Afro-Caribbean community to London. Taken together, all three structures remind us that Remembrance includes both the men listed as well as the forces of history that shape communities and forge links between them.

Great Photographs— no comment needed- some 1961 lads are still members

SCHOOL 1ST XI 1961

BRIAN CAMPBELL, PETER KEENAN, SULLIVAN, PHIL GRAM, GILFUR, TOM MARSHALL, TOMY CLEATHER
FRONT COLIN GARVEY, TERRY CAIN, SHEA, TONY GRAM, AND RICHARD BENSON



COX CC - 1935 - Home at Norbury



STANDING - W CROMER; BILLY BATES; PHIL TRUMPER; DEREK JONES AND P REYNIER
JOHN WOOLARD; J.J. WILSON; BILL MADIGAN O.B.E.; J 'SQUOSHER' O'SULLIVAN; HARRY ELLIS; JOHN PINDER

Sporting Theme - continued, some great names in there and the "order" of Houses about right over 50 years Charterhouse and Canterbury, miles ahead Walsingham and Glastonbury trailing in their wake.. about the norm...any contrary views from W or G sportsmen?

Charterhouse	...	...	...	1808
Canterbury (Capt. Burgess)	...	...	...	1786
Walsingham (Capt. Grant)	...	...	...	1526
Glastonbury (Capt. Morrish)	...	...	...	1464

Charterhouse also won the Football Shield and Cross Country Cup while Glastonbury, in spite of coming last in points totals, won the Cricket Shield, the Tennis and Athletics Cups and the Relay Cup. Canterbury retained the Table Tennis Cup. All the Houses have been well led this year and the Captains and House Committees have shown a personal interest in every member. Night after night the Seniors could be seen coaching the first yearers in athletics, football and cricket, making the youngsters feel that they were members of a team — a part of something much bigger than themselves. In this respect special mention should be made of the help given by Nicholls, Cunningham, Hayter, Minghi, Frakes, Statter, Du Fen, Hodges, Morrish, Finn, Pinnent, Grant and Weir, and it is gratifying to see how boys like Amura, Luke, Sacker, Ivers and Shanks respond so whole-heartedly to the help offered to them. A special word of appreciation is due to P. Allain, A. Richins, B. Plummer and McEntee for their faithful service to the College in so many ways throughout the year. We gratefully acknowledge a presentation of books to the VIth Form library by Cunningham and Richins.

On the last day of term Football Colours were awarded to B. Sweet and Cricket Colours to E. Hayter. Among the many in the School XI's who showed outstanding ability and sportsmanship, these two were, in a manner of speaking, *primi inter pares*.

After the last late-comer had picked up the last lolly-stick, after the last school cap had been lost and found, the last desk-lid duly and unnecessarily banged, the last farewell exchanged, Benediction, at which some 80 trebles gave a devotional rendering of Gounod's *Ave Maria*, brought a successful and busy school year to a close. In a truly humble spirit we offer our thanks to God for His many blessings and abiding help. ■

COXA Football Teams - the first with famous "names" and another with - well **Brian Sanders** as far as I can see - brilliant clarity but - I need names to the "faces".

FRONT ROW: K.TORPY, A.MAYHEW, S.WARD, A.BRINN, A.AMURA, K.CARROLL AND A.MORRISH

BACK ROW: M.WARD, D.QUIN, J.CHERUSCHI, J.FLYNN, B.FARRELL, D.ROWLES, M.HURLEY, D.MULVIHILL



CLAPHAM were admitted to the Old Boys League for the 1954/55 season. The photograph shown

above was taken at Norbury towards the end of that season.



Sorry – no idea – 1950s rather than 1960s..[Brian] – COXA – maybe School

COXA 2022 Golf Tournament - "winners & losers" Professionals v Gentlemen

Tee Time		Handicap	Stapleford Score
12:00	Frank Hixson	16	31
	John Kateley	21	28
	Paul Smith	20	30
12:08	Frank Barretta	28	25
	Andy McDonald	14	36
	Brendan Walsh	18	27
12:16	Mick McLoughlin	23	41
	Tom McLoughlin	20	38
	Mick O'Sullivan	28	38
12:24	Spencer McGuire	24	21
	David Hachshaw	28	27
	John McGuire	26	9
12:32	Del Rowlands	26	38
	Garry Rainger	19	28
	Tony Goody	26	30
12:40	Tony O'Shea	28	44
	John Pettley	28	30
12:48	Tom Judge	18	32
	James Bairstowe	28	35
	Eamonn McArdle		19
12:56	JJ Thornton	18	40
	Josh Ewin	28	37
13:14	Steve Gordon	8	30
	John Flynn	16	36
	Chris Smith	28	22
13:22	Thomas Proxa	25	26
	Junior Kehinde	23	27
	Jim Kirby		20
13:30	Phil Roderick Jones	24	36
	Mick Powell	26	29
	Mickey Burke	28	22

Looks like a good use of an Athletic Certificate for a “space filler” - easy reporting - but no...

This is none other than **Prof Monsignor Vladimir Felzmann**, AKA Fr Vlad, who set himself the epic challenge of completing 52 laps of the Sir Mo Farah Athletics track 83 times in 2021 to raise £500,000 to replace the St Mary’s University, Twickenham Chapel Organ.

WANDSWORTH SCHOOLS’ SPORTS ASSOCIATION



Vlad tried many sports and won this “County Event” in Javelin..70 years later he’s relying on his legs than his arm



Championship Certificate

Awarded to *V. Felzmann*
of *Clapham College* School
for *Javelin (Under 15).*

Date *21st May, 1954.*

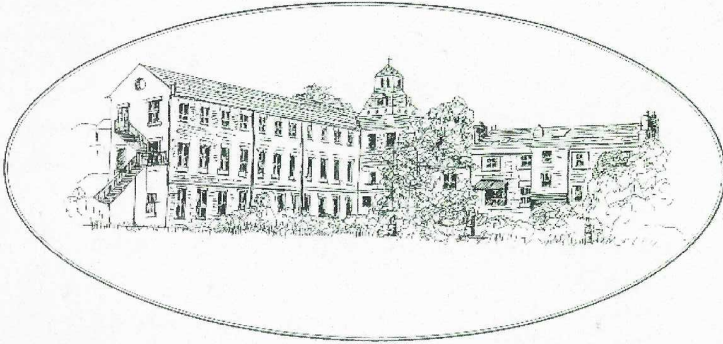
Eleanor K. Goodrich

President

W. H. Collins

Chairman

Clapham Old Xaverians' Association Remembrance Day Mass



Sunday, 13th November 2022

Clapham College Chapel

Celebrant:

Fr Richard Whinder

Entrance Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside,
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.



COXA's Annual Remembrance Day Service was celebrated by Fr. Richard Whinder, the Parish Priest of the Holy Ghost, Balham. Our thanks goes out to him. He was joined by about 70 Xaverians and their families.

Thanks too to
SFX for the use of
their premises.



This is an Important Association Event, don't pencil it in, "BIRO" next years into your Diary.

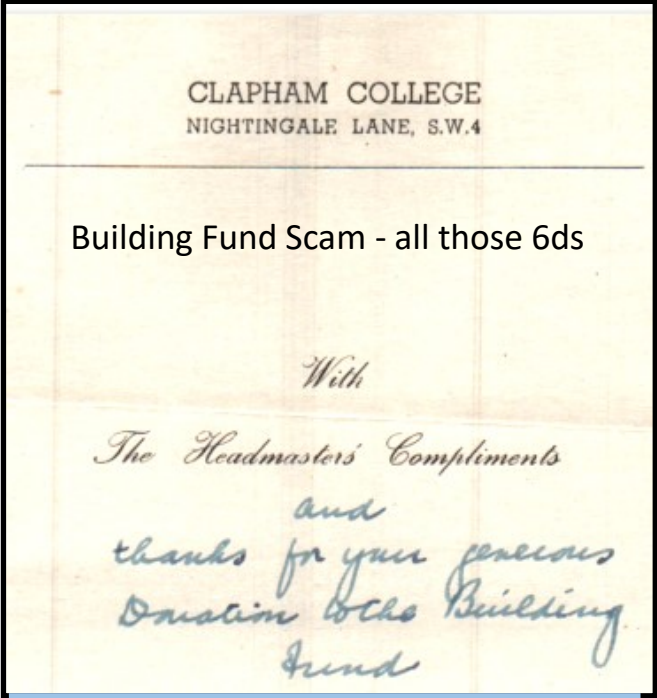
Back in the Day, taking the plunge at Mayfield.....[campers]
....that looks soooo cold! Today, they would be leaping into
the “cesspit” of the Residents at Mayfield Grange”



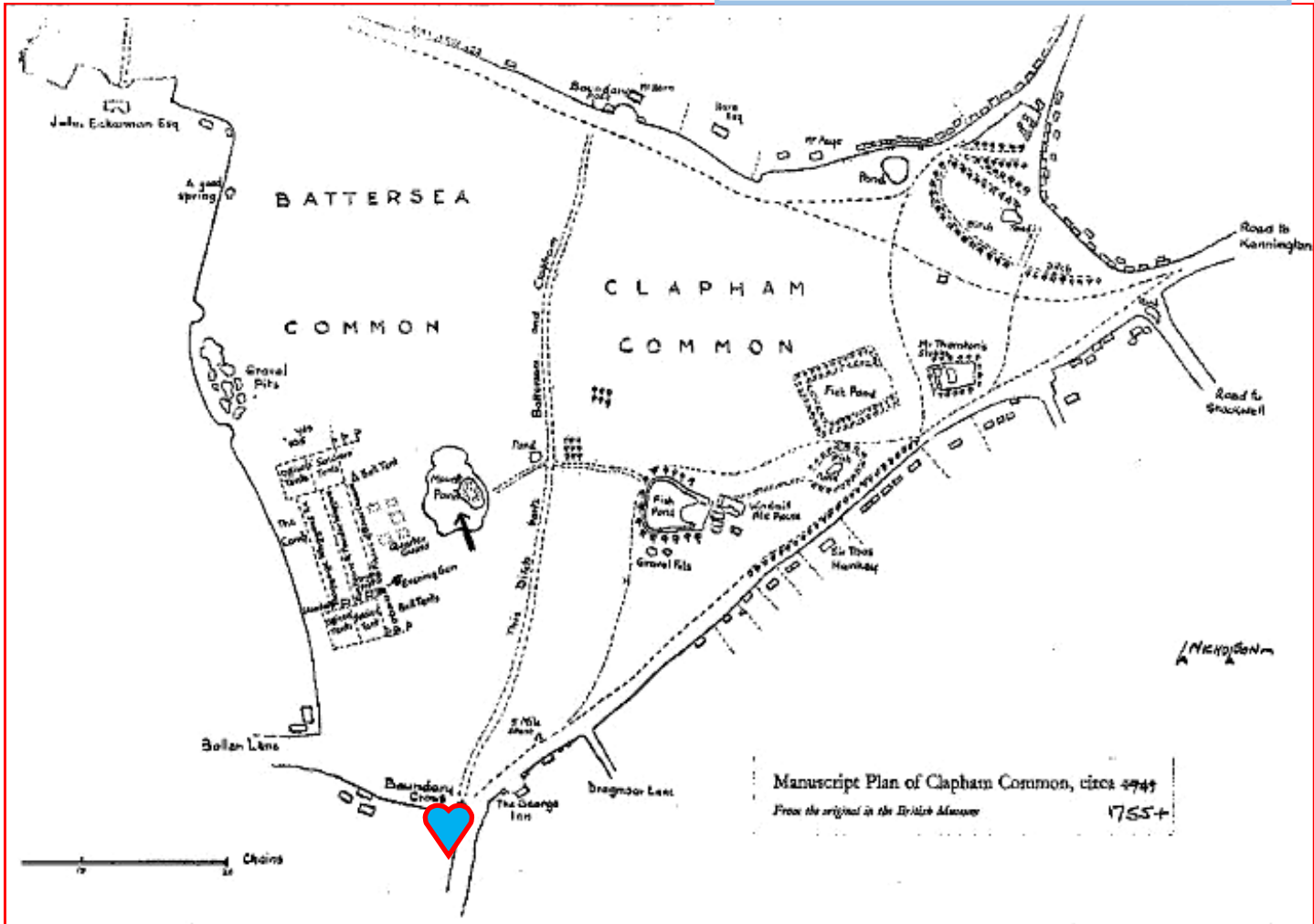
I put this in a previous Concordia and got a reply - then lost it - who are you?



Buildings, Building Fund and builds.



Maps - 1775 - help required from academics [and random Xaverians] find Clapham College, is my hunch wrong? Based on the Windmill & George, I think I'm close.



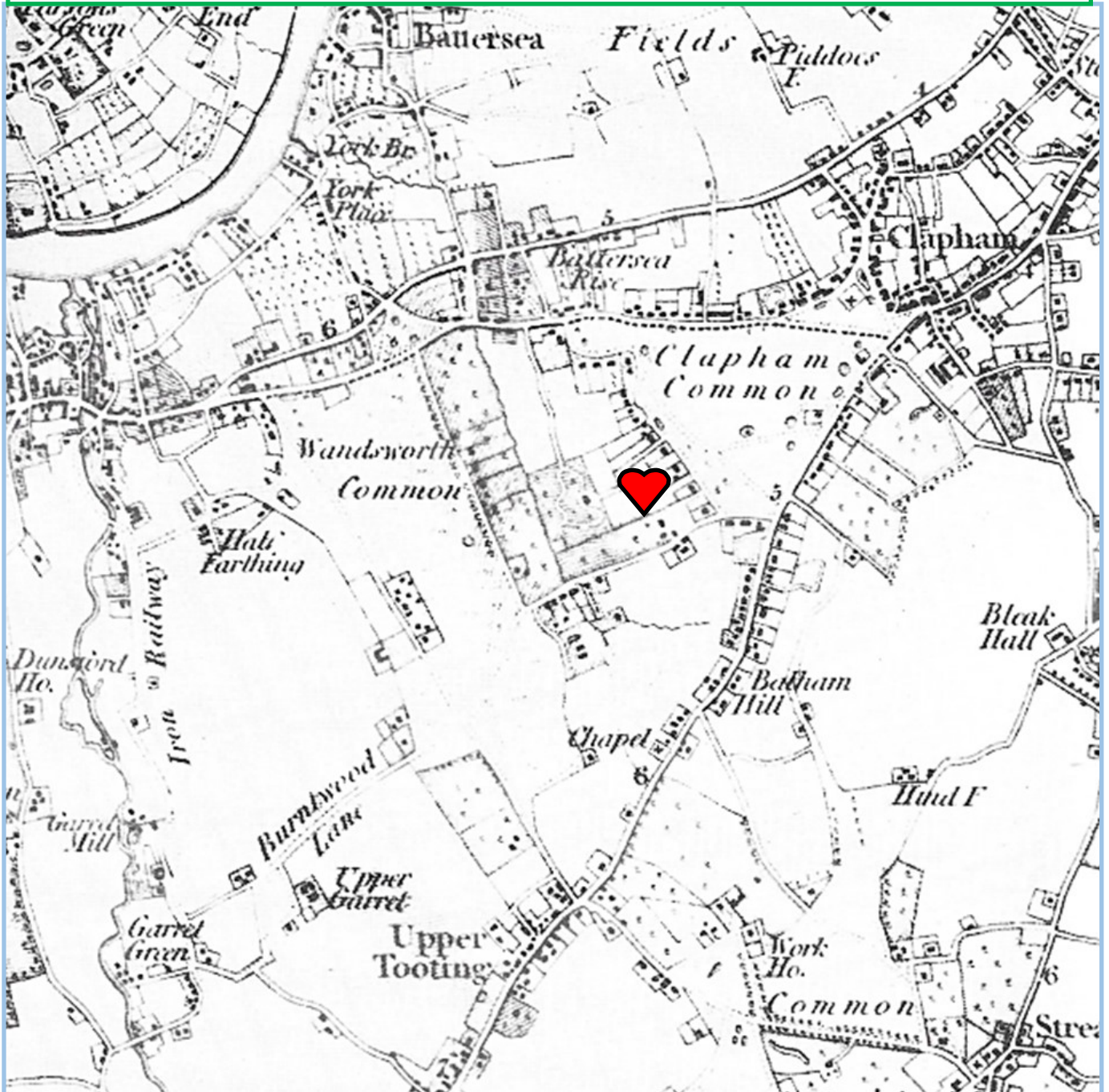
The site of Clapham College 1840 - Hollywood House already built - private residence



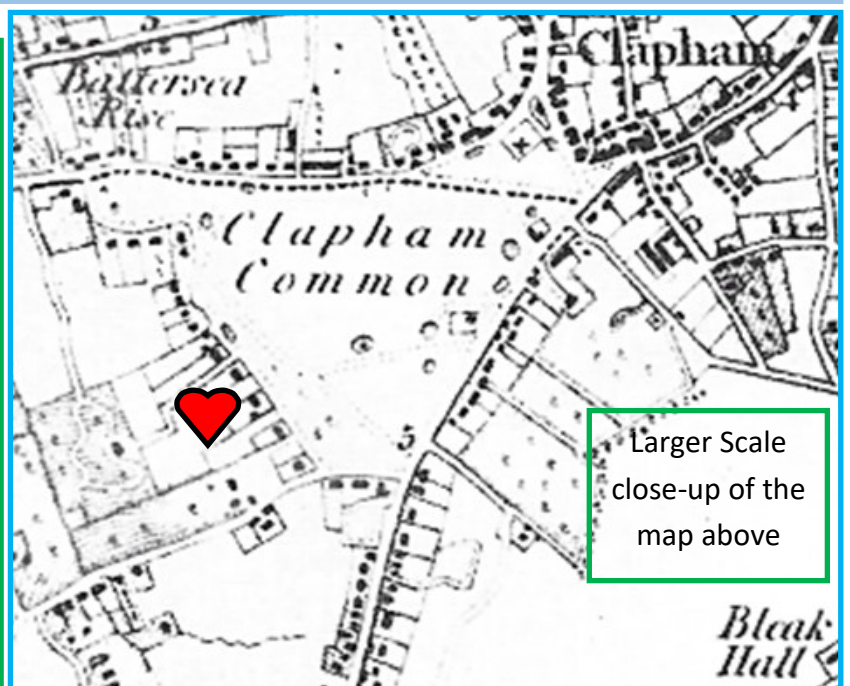
1840 Map shows you the Clapham site, prior to the building of Broadoak, Hollywood was already there [predates it by nearly 100 years]. Hollywood green circle = Long jump pit, Br Dunstan's glasshouse.



Clapham in 1850 - Sir Titus Salt's Building - later Clapham College



Clapham 1850 Caroline Whitham, wife of Saltaire's founder, **Sir Titus Salt**. Married for 46 years and had 11 children. Following the death of Sir Titus, she moved to Clapham, Surrey with two daughters. She occupied Broakoak, [later Clapham College, in 1896].



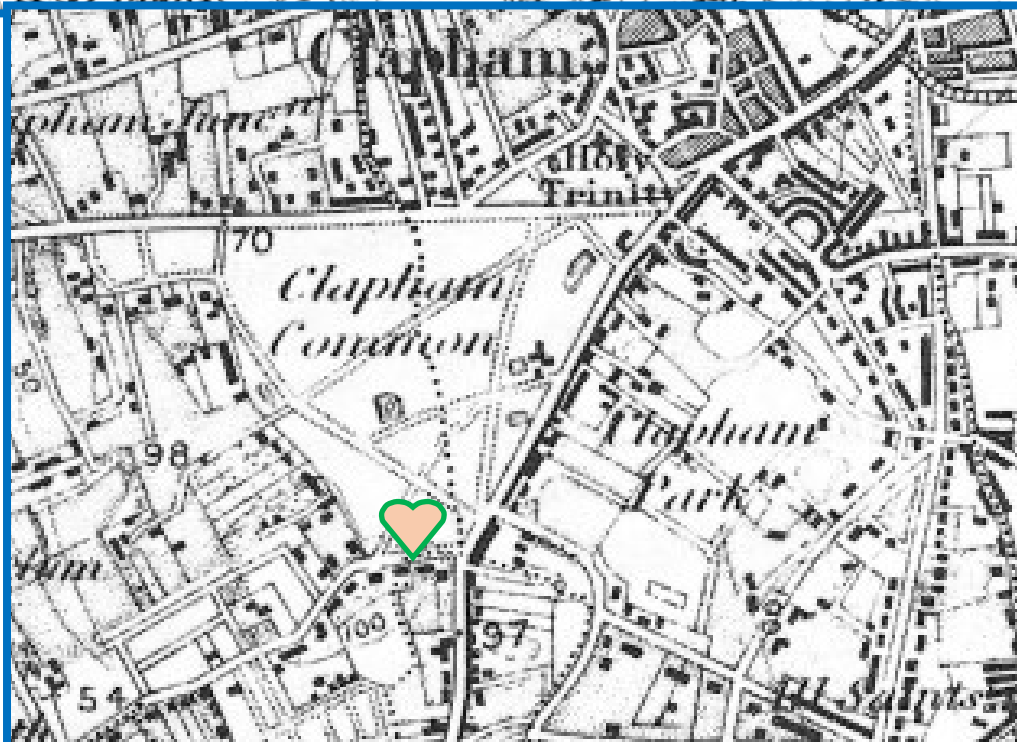
Clapham 1870; quickly [in less 20 years] Clapham became a vast urban area no fields/orchards



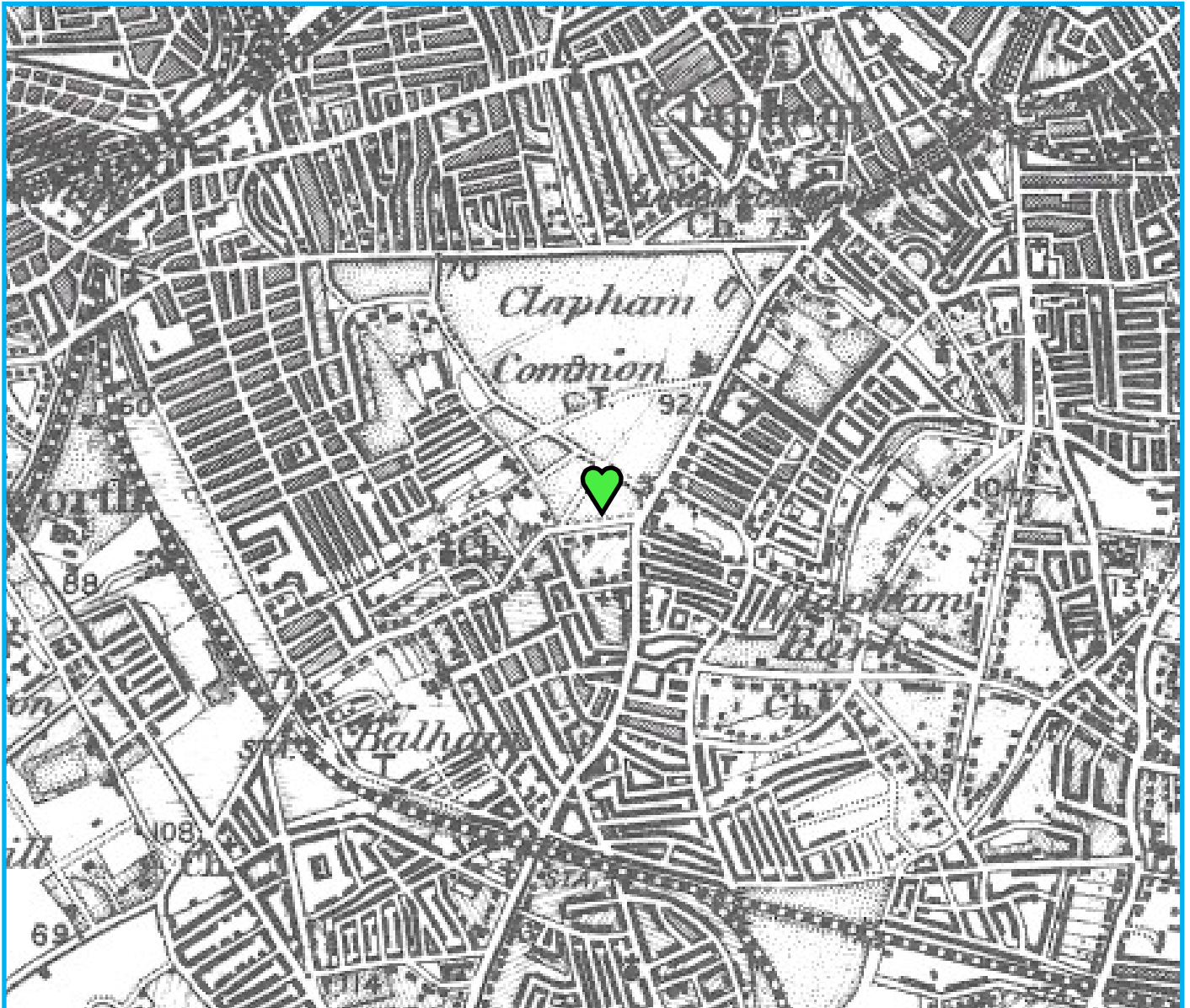
Broadoak now built next to Hollywood, two grand estates. The road patterns are the same as today.

Clapham 1870

You can pick out Broadoak and the Paddock to the south. We are "on" the 100ft contour 97 feet to be exact.



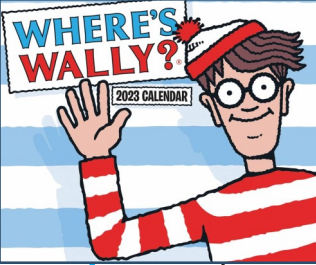
1900 Clapham College is now in the middle of dense urban housing



Clapham 1900

Clapham College is at the point of the heart. Notice - size of our garden and the rows & rows of terraced houses; no gardens at all





From CAMBERWELL

CHARION AUGUST 22

Come on Serge! Come back to Clapham! We are packed with retired Headmasters [you'd hardly

4 | NEWS

School's out

Legendary local teacher Serge Cefai has retired as head of Sacred Heart Catholic School in Camberwell after a long and meritorious 43-year career.

Serge arrived in the UK from Tunisia in 1961, unable to speak a word of English. His positive experiences of education as an immigrant bred in him a determination to forge a career in education supporting students "from a similar background to me". The lessons Serge learned in childhood helped form the "tough love" and "no excuses" ethos that he has applied consistently throughout his career.

Serge was a student at St Gerard's Secondary Modern (later Clapham College) where he excelled in PE, which he later qualified to teach. After spells at Waltham School (1979-1983) and his alma mater Clapham College (1983-89) he joined Sacred Heart in 1989, working his way up to become headteacher in 2008.

Serge helped transform the school from one populated by under-motivated staff and under-achieving students into an Ofsted-rated "outstanding" institution which customarily topped the education league tables for Southwark. He also oversaw the complete rebuilding of the Sacred Heart premises as part of the Building Schools



for the Future programme, as well as the introduction of a sixth form, which has sent students to Oxford and Cambridge universities.

In 2012, in addition to his role at Sacred Heart, he was appointed executive head of St Thomas the Apostle in Peckham, then the poorest performing school in the borough. Over the next decade, alongside headteacher Eamon Connolly, he dragged STAC out of the mire, turning it – like Sacred

Heart – into one of the most successful schools in the country, a feat recognised in 2017 by the Times Educational Supplement, which named it secondary school of the year. A spell as executive head of St Matthew Academy in Blackheath (2015-18) was similarly successful.

Reflecting on his retirement, Serge said: "The vital and important job of a teacher is, at times, taken far too lightly. In the best schools the ability to teach your subject

well, provide a role model and develop relationships can change pupils' lives for the better.

"The desire to help pupils reach their potential has always been my motivation. I sincerely hope and believe that Sacred Heart will continue to flourish after my retirement."

Serge will continue to serve as STAC's executive head, as well as a consultant to the new head of Sacred Heart, Richard Lansiquot.

Headmaster C. A. POCKOCK, JP, MA
Telephone 01-673 1462

CLAPHAM COLLEGE
NIGHTINGALE LANE
LONDON, SW4

- 6 APR 1971

Dear Mr. Hartnett,

Would you please bring your son, Roy, along to the college for interview on Wed. April 28th at 11.45 a.m. This letter should be shown to the Head of his primary school to explain the boy's absence. Nos. 155, 88 and 181 buses pass Clapham South Tube Station which is about 50 yards from the college.

Yours sincerely,



N.B. Would you please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Proof for those who needed it, that Roy Hartnett did pass the 11-Plus he was a pupil of Clapham College, a Grammar School Boy

Telephone
673 1462

CLAPHAM COLLEGE
11 NIGHTINGALE LANE SW4

The Governors of Clapham College have confirmed the award of a place to your son on the results of the Junior Leaving Examination. It is understood that you agree that your son must stay at school until he has taken the Advanced Level Examination of the General Certificate of Education at the age of eighteen.

The Autumn term will begin on Monday - 6 SEP 1971
School hours are from 9.10 a.m. to 12.50 p.m. and from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m.

There is no Saturday school but a boy may be called upon to play for the school.

All pupils must be supplied before entry with white gym vest, shorts and plimsolls marked with the pupil's name. Pupils must wear the school uniform of blazer and tie, white shirt, grey trousers and black shoes. When they are playing football a school shirt and school stockings must be worn. All articles of school

uniform can be obtained from Pratt's of Streatham. A representative of Pratt's will be at the school on Thurs 25 June 10am - 12 for the issuing of clothing. If you are unable to attend, uniform should be obtained direct from Pratt's.

The headmaster invites the parents of all new boys to attend a meeting in the College on Tues 8 June 8.30am - 8.30pm. At this meeting you will be given full information about the education of your son. You are asked to inform the headmaster should you be unable to attend.

Mr. P. Hartnett

Roy

Recently departed Xaverians

2022 was a very painful year in terms of losing Clapham Old Xaverians. It wasn't Covid in itself, in many cases it was old age and some awful illnesses. The sheer numbers [nearly 20] read out at the Remembrance service, was the longest in living memory. Many reached a fine old age, which is a blessing, but some died in their fifties and sixties, with so much still to offer. Even those in their 80s and 90s had an "Incomplete Bucket Lists".



Jennifer Marie Dibley
'Jean'

3rd November 1932 - 6th August 2022

Donations in Jean's memory may be made in favour of either the
Dogs Trust
or
Cats Protection
www.jenniferdibley.muchloved.com

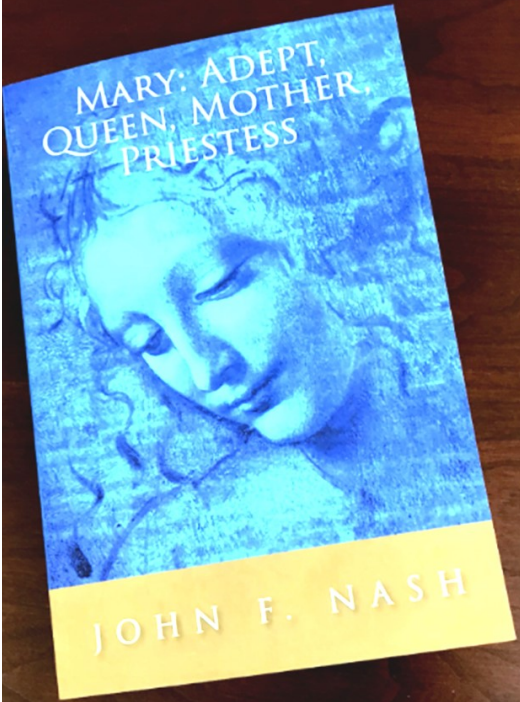
Over the years we have written about the lives and deaths, of our wider Xaverian family. Parents, wives and families tend to know more about COXA than boys who attended the College. Ask the parent of a Team Sec. or the wife of a cricket captain. They're part of the Xaverian Community **Jean Dibley** falls comfortably into this group. The mother of **Laurie Mullane**, you'd expect nothing less. At her funeral number of Xaverians attended to pass on their respects. Many had their own personal stories of Jean and the eulogy gave us all a real insight into her full and interesting life. + **RIP Jean**,+ commiserations to you Laurie.

EGGHEADS "refer back" to the photographs from "Eggheads" on Page 2

After I sent you some photos of the school trip to Switzerland some featuring my friends Adam Kondziela and Hugh Atkinson, [last Concordia] - I thought you might like to compare them with some pictures of us on Eggheads (circa 2007). We have aged a lot more since then. I also attach for your amusement a clip of the introduction to the show where I manage to name drop **Clapham College**.

Hope to see you on another walk soon maybe after the Lunch

Regards **Martin Farrell**



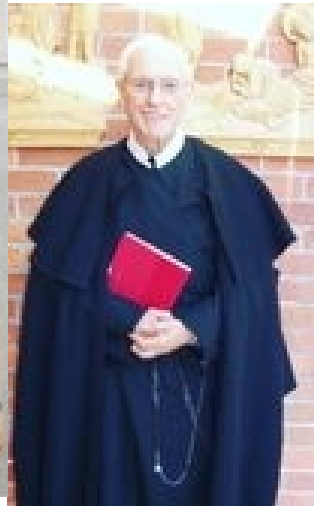
John Francis Nash passed away September 2, 2022, at age 85. He was preceded in death by his wife Sylvia Newell Lagergren; and his son Martin Dietrich Nash. He is survived by an older sister, Mary Carmel Nash of Suffolk, England and his daughter Helen Nash of Atlanta. Born in London in 1937, John grew up during the Blitz and shortages of wartime and post war Britain. He attended Clapham College (high school); Queen Mary College, University of London; and the von Karman Institute, Belgium. He had an MPA degree from Georgia State University [PhD at the University of London]. John emigrated to the United States with then-wife Margrit W. Nash and son Martin. Helen was born in Atlanta, GA. John had a varied professional career, taking him from scientific research, to industry, and finally to higher education. After teaching for 9 years at Georgia State University, he was appointed in to a professorship in the College of Business at East Tennessee State University. In due course he served as Associate Dean of Business. On retirement in 1999, he was honoured with the title of Emeritus Professor. John's other interests included history, esoteric and religious philosophy, and music. John restored the 1791 Embree House in Washington County, TN, home of abolitionist Elihu Embree and "station" on the Underground Railroad for runaway slaves.

He was a charter member and one-time president of the Washington County Historical Association. John also contributed to the History of Washington County, Tennessee. John was founding editor of The Esoteric Quarterly, an internationally recognized journal of philosophy. John's last article was "The Feminine Face of God in Judaism and Christianity" Copies can be found on the website http://uriel.com/articles_etc/index.html. Recent books were Quest for the Soul (2004); The Soul and Its Destiny (2004); Christianity: the One, the Many (2007); The Sacramental Church (2011); and Mary: Adept, Queen, Mother, Priestess (2021). John's lifetime output of publications included 16 books and more than 200 articles passion for music focused on the organ and choral music of the Renaissance and Baroque eras. He sang in the Johnson City Civic Chorale for 24 years and, more recently, in the choir of St. John's Episcopal Church, Johnson City, TN. Although his ability to participate declined in recent years, John remained an active member of St. John's Church until his death. He always appreciated the warm fellowship shared by his church family. A Requiem Mass was be offered at St. John's Episcopal Church, 500 N. Roan Street, Johnson City, on September 16th 2022.

Truly a "blessed" Xaverian

+ RIP John +

Fr Michael Creech CSsR passed away peacefully on 23rd November 2022.



Fr Michael's remains will come home to St Mary's Monastery SW4 on Monday the 5th of December and will then be moved into the Church at 6.30pm. Requiem Mass will be celebrated by the V Reverend Fr Andrew Burns CSsR (Vicar Provincial Superior) on Tuesday the 6th of December at 12.30pm.

from Colin Garvey

"I was desperately saddened to hear this news. He was a great priest and a great Xaverian. I remember his sermon on Remembrance Sunday a few years ago, when he remembered the bombs falling on Clapham Common, and him being scared to death.

May he rest in peace.

from Eddie O'Brien

"Michael was a great man. He never lost that common touch. Deeply devoted to his vocation and never forgot where he was from. He was one of us. Always pleased to attend our functions when he could. May he rest in peace".

from David Leathem

"If he was one of us (and he was), he was the best of us, God bless him"

from Frank Barretta

"Such a lovely man, so engaging. I always enjoyed my conversations with him at many a COXA event. May he rest In peace".

from Scotty

"Michael, a great friend to Clapham Old Xaverians. He was a Clapham College [1940s] and lived through the Blitz, saw his brother become the priest in situ at Lourdes and his 60th Anniversary of his ordination at his beloved St Mary's Clapham. Will miss you Michael, a great contributor to Concordia and Remembrance Masses. ++ R.I.P. ++

Foxhunt - the Xaverian “prep” School in Sussex



Foxhunt Manor was the Xaverian “prep” school. I found this excerpt from the Admissions Register - Foxhunt Manor Headteacher Brother Christopher, later of Clapham College. The Xaverian Prep School at Waldron West Sussex open from 16th Sept 1946 to 6th May 1957 350 boys admitted in this ten year period. A lot of local boys from Sussex / Surrey many from the South of England all over England - some French some Commonwealth [many from India – with English family names] – most joined at 10 and 11 years old. Most went onto Mayfield College [about 10 miles away] at the ages of 13/14.

Eventually, financial difficulties became main reason for leavers in 1956/57, fees too high. Other reasons unfortunately, were “unsuitable – unsatisfactory” - “too delicate” teaching. Final entry to Admissions Register 06 May 1957 – final date leaving 25th July 1957 – closed .

By then Foxhunt became a real “loss-maker” and numbers dwindled. The Xaverian brothers were relocated, local/lay teachers lost their jobs. **Brother Christopher [the Head]** went on to be a successful Geography teacher at Clapham College. Brother Chris did not have a degree in Geography, but he sat the “A” Level [with the boys] in the gym.





The former stables on the estate [pictured above last summer] were converted into the residence for the Xaverian Brothers. Today it has been sold off as residential housing. Main school building is huge and has been used by various education endeavours up until 1979; it has fallen into decay and is awaiting re-development. Statue of St Joseph, identical to the one outside the Chapel. Thank God we “lost” the “Joseph”- **St Joseph’s Clapham! Ugg!**

Camping

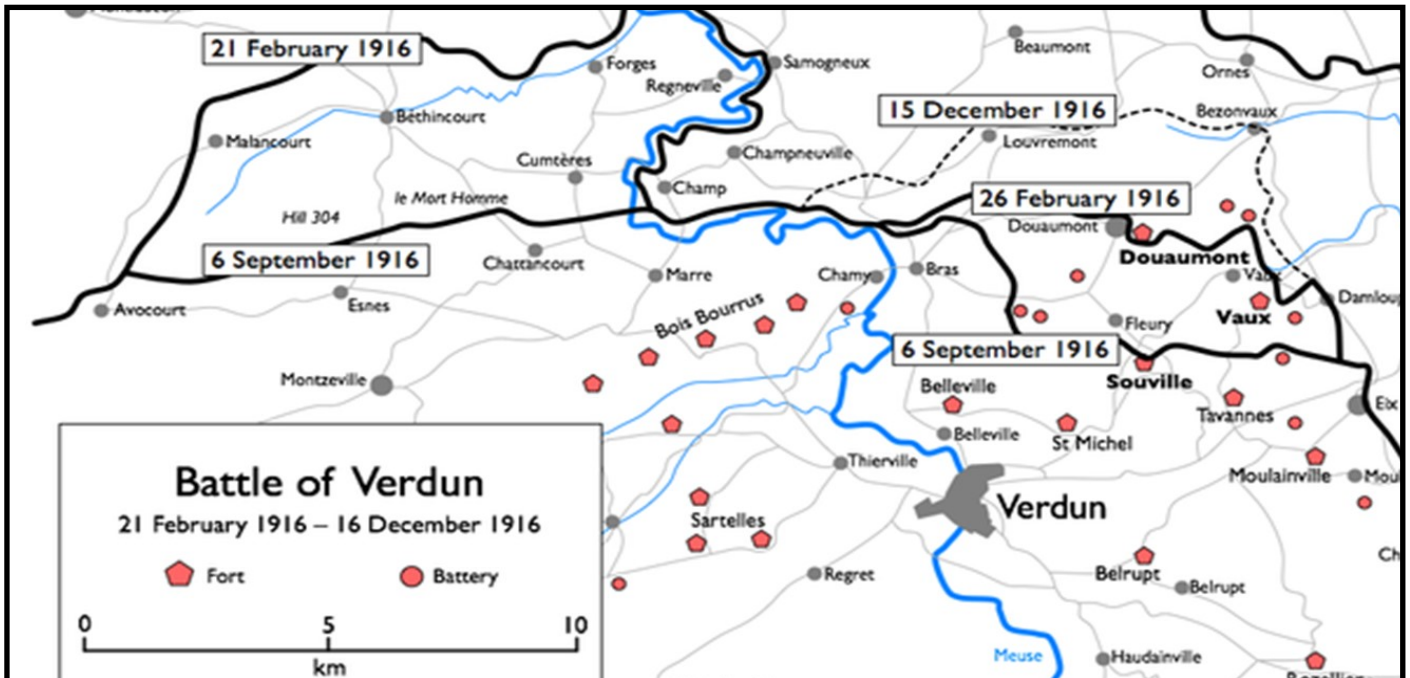
The camp at Foxhunt Manor in July-August was blessed with glorious weather and was a great success. Many places of historic interest were visited and on occasional rest days much time was fruitfully spent catching rabbits with ferrets and snares. Fitch, however, achieved no small fame by a kill with his catapult, a feat only rivalled by Kington who caught a 3-foot eel with a well-timed whack on the head (i.e., the eel’s head). At Mayfield we played cricket against an XI from the Manchester Xaverian College, who were camping in the grounds. The result was a win for Clapham and was followed by another victory on the following day when we played against a Mayfield Collego XI, who were camping near us at Foxhunt. The thought of the sunlit Sussex scenery and the starry Sussex sky will stay as a soothing memory during the dank and leaden-clouded November days in London.

We are deeply grateful to Brother John for his constant kindness to us during our stay at Foxhunt.

An extract from a 1950s Concordia on Camping at Foxhunt

Searching for Old Xaverians in Europe

How many lads called Gaston Leon Behaeghe went to Clapham College, how many Gaston Leon Behaeghes fought for France in WW1, what's the only Gaston Leon Behaeghe to be found online to be buried in Verdun France, answer only one. Therefore the one I discovered online was buried at the French Memorial to the Dead of WW1 at Verdun, -the "Douaumont Ossuaire" is a Clapham Old Xaverian...he's 100% one of ours!!



Gaston Leon Behaeghe was born in 1898 and attended Clapham College for two years 1909 and 1910, he returned to France where in 1916 he enrolled in the French Army to defend his country of birth against the German invaders. He was "killed in action" on 9th June 1917 and was eventually laid to rest in the massive cemetery dedicated to the dead of France in WW1 at Verdun. It is in a beautiful location just to the South West of the Luxembourg Border. Below is the reference of his burial as is a photo of Gaston. [162e R.I.]..

Overlijden

6 sep. 1917

Hij overleed donderdag, 6 sep. 1917 te [Bois des Caurières](#), [Bezouvaux](#), [55, F](#) 📍, in de leeftijd van 33; 'soldat mort pour la France' 162e R.I..



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Concordia Editor on a mission in Northern France



Continuing the saga of Old Xaverian Gaston Behaeghe. Gaston was killed in action fighting for France and we discovered he was buried at Verdun in Northern France. So in typical reporter fashion, I did not tell my family that I was diverting them yet again - enroute to Calais following a wedding in Italy. I think the family guessed when the signs to Calais starting increasing from 30kms, to 40 to 50...we then stopped at a restaurant in Verdun, a couple of hours from the port! Check the photo of editor in holiday gear.

Verdun is a stunning place, far different from the dozens of cemeteries I've visited on my Xaverian quest. I popped into the Cemetery office to get a handle on the layout of this vast place. I asked about the location of Gaston's resting place and was given a location map. Then, there he was Gaston Behaeghe, first ever contact with a Clapham Xaverian for 112 years. A sort prayer, a Xvaerian card [with crest] and a photo, then back on the road, + **RIP** + Gaston.



Final Chapter on Old Xaverian Gaston Beraeghe

PARTIE À REMPLIR PAR LE CORPS.

Nom..... *Bébaeghe*

Prénoms..... *Gaston Léon Emile*

Grade..... *soldat de 2^e Classe*

Corps..... *162^e Régiment d'Infanterie*

N^o Matricule. { *060.60^e* au Corps. — Cl. *1904*

{ *512* au Recrutement *de Dunberque*

Mort pour la France le..... *6 Septembre 1917*

à..... *Bois des Caméris*

Genre de mort..... *tui à l'ennemi*

Né le..... *20 Aout 1884*

à..... *Morbecque* Département..... *Nord*

Arr['] municipal (p['] Paris et Lyon), }
à défaut rue et N^o. }

Jugement rendu le.....

par le Tribunal de.....

acte ou jugement transcrit le..... *12 Janvier 1918*

à..... *Morbecque (Nord)*

N^o du registre d'état civil.....

Cette partie n'est pas à remplir par le Corps.



Just when I felt we'd completed our quest to find Gaston Beraeghe, I was returning to my car, when I was called back to the Cemetery Office by the "Director". He had heard of our search for Xaverian graves and asked me if I'd like to see of a copy of Gaston's birth certificate? Apparently everyone buried at Verdun much have one. So there it is. Thus ended a thoroughly successful venture into France collecting information for our Old Boys Archive. On the bonus side, my family didn't mind too much - a nice meal, and never left the vehicle!



Clapham Brother's Menology - January 2022

BROTHER BERNARD PHILPOTT (Brother Sylvester)

Born: Brighton, England, June 26, 1932

Died: Waltham, Massachusetts, October 31, 2013

Born in Brighton, England in 1932, Bernard received his education at Xaverian College, Brighton (1940-1948) and at Brighton Technical College (1948-1950) He entered the congregation on September 11, 1950 and professed his perpetual vows on March 19, 1956. After receiving his degree in history at London University, he taught for **several years at Mayfield, Clapham** and

Manchester. He spent the school year, 1963/1964 at the juniorate in Leonardtown and in 1964 he succeeded Brother Guy Behenna (June 2) as an aspirant master at the English juniorate on the grounds of Xaverian College, Manchester, a position he held while teaching Sixth Form religion and acting as Deputy Head of the school.



In addition to his studies in England, Brother Bernard studied spirituality at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and at l'École de la Foi in Fribourg, Switz. Bernard's teaching ministry spanned three countries: England, United States and Congo. He taught Latin, English and history as well as catechetics, and various spirituality courses in our formation programs. More important than the subject matter, Bernard taught as Jesus did. Humble/unassuming in his manner, he invited his students to examine their experiences and to ask questions. He helped the boys in all the schools he taught at to come to understand deeper realities in life.

After returning from his work in the formation program in Likasi, and taking up his position as assistant to the superior general, the first signs of Bernard's Parkinson's disease began to show themselves. That diagnosis was later confirmed and immediately he sought out a Parkinson's support group at which he received physical therapy and was able to speak with others similarly afflicted about ways of dealing with his problems.

In 2002, with three other English Xaverians, he moved to the United States and chose to reside at Xaverian House in Danvers. Here he continued his insatiable habit of reading and collecting books while participating in programs offered at Xavier Centre and in meetings of the International Formation Team. Eventually the Parkinson's became too much for him and he was moved to Maristhill Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre in Waltham, Massachusetts.

Bernard loved the Xaverian way of life and was a wonderful steward of our Founder's charism. He ministered in the programs for the formation of Brothers in England, Congo and the USA. He taught all of us what it means to *live for God and God alone*. It is no coincidence that Bernard returned to the Lord on the Eve of All Saints. The beatitude that rings so clearly of Bernard's life is, "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God."

Brother Bernard Philpott [Sylvester] - continued.

The previous page [34] was the Xaverian Brothers "official account of the life and achievements of Brother Philpott, below is the article written for a Clapham Concordia.

Brother Bernard Philpott [Sylvester] CFX 1932 to 2013 [RIP] - born Brighton June 26th 1932. In a previous Edition of Concordia we celebrated the life, and mourned Brother Bernard Philpott [better known in his early days at Clapham as Brother Sylvester - there were two Xaverian Sylvester's at the time - so he became Brother Bernard] .

Sylvester had a profound effect on many of the boys at Clapham and one of these **Jim Connor** [Clapham College 1956 - 1963] had kept in touch via letters and Christmas Cards until Jim was informed of his death. Jim had sent me a number of letters, on or about Sylvester, which I've kept to publish at the relevant time.... one "Recollections of my childhood during the Blitz seems relevant to print now"

"My childhood was during the Blitz in London, our family lived in Brighton, when War broke out all the beaches were mined, so I never got to play there! I remember gathering around the radio with my family on Sunday, to hear the Prime Minister, Mr Chamberlin, declare War on Germany. Chamberlin was in some ways forced to declare war, he had drawn a line at German aggression towards Poland, and when the Germans invaded his hand was forced. When the Blitz began in 1940, my family slept downstairs to reduce the risk of a stray bomb; the Germans Messerschmitt Bombers were bombing the capital London, but on their way back, would drop any spare bombs on seaside towns. Many families had Anderson Shelters in their back gardens, but we didn't; at school, [we all went to Catholic Schools] during the raids we'd all run down to the cellars.

Towards the end of the War, Brighton took the worst of the bombings, we were often woken up by planes overhead. There was one occasion when we were sleeping with our mattresses, downstairs as usual, when we heard an almighty explosion, as if from next door. It turned out that a Molotov Breadbasket had landed nearby. The Molotov Breadbaskets what we now call a cluster bomb; there was an initial explosion in the core, that would scatter the side compartments in all directions, with each of these exploding as an incendiary bomb, with devastating effect. I later learned that one such bomb landed across the street from my cousins, who lived in a semi-detached house in the suburbs of London, all the family were killed.

*Many people I knew, were convinced they could tell the difference between the sounds made by the RAF Spitfire and a Messerschmitt engine, I believed this at the time, but am now unsure! I do, however, distinctly remember the members of the expatriate Polish Air Force, who would come to Mass wearing blue uniforms, slightly darker than those of the RAF pilots. Much of Poland was Catholic, rather than Eastern Orthodox, so the Polish Airmen used to come to Mass whenever they could. My father worked at Lloyds, one of the "Big Five" English Banks, not to be confused with Lloyds of London, which is Insurance!). My father was a soldier in the Army in WWI and in WWII served as a Firewatcher [trained to defuse the incendiary bombs dropped by the Germans, before they exploded]. What strikes me about this now is how quickly England went from a nation "on the ropes", hiding in air raid shelters and mining its own beaches against a possible German invasion, to a nation with the capacity not only to rebuild its cities, but also to aid others by taking their refugees. That resilience impresses me to this day" **Jim***

BROTHER VINCENT (Francis Harrington)

Born: London, England, June 5, 1880 Died: London, England, October 31, 1967

Entering at **Clapham** in 1899, Brother Vincent received the habit on January 10, 1900, pronounced vows two years later, and remained on until 1922 when he went to Mayfield as Headmaster. He had **been Headmaster at Clapham from 1919 to 1922**. His stay at Mayfield was brief. Transferred to the American Province in 1924, he taught French at St. John's in Danvers and at Keith Academy, Lowell, until his request for re-assignment to the mother country was granted in 1937. He taught French at Brighton until his retirement at age seventy. In the States he was John Bull; at home, Uncle Sam, playing both roles irritatingly well and presumably chuckling inward. He died in his eighty-eighth year.

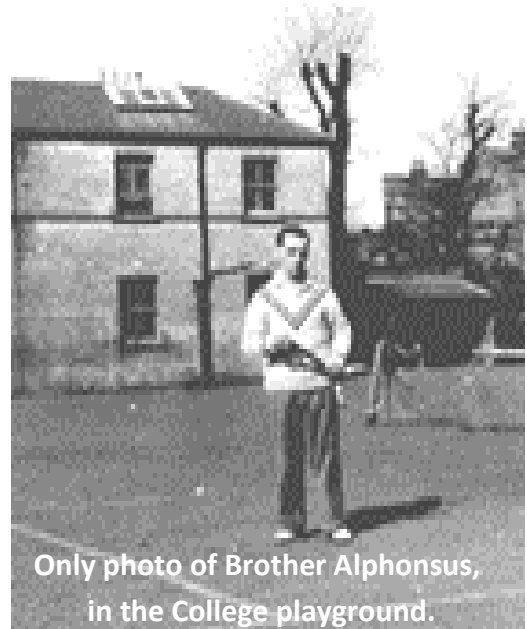


Br. Vincent [far left] at Br Dunstan's Jubilee celebration at Clapham College - 1960

BROTHER ALPHONSUS (James Duffy)

Born: Broomhouse, Scotland, 1904

Died: Mayfield, England, Nov 20, 1973 Brother Alphonsus from Lanarkshire, Scotland, entered 2 days after his eighteenth birthday. An honours student in the classics, he taught for 50 years until poor health forced him to retirement. He served the Xaverian brothers, with courage during the evacuation to East Grinstead. In Jan, 1973, he agreed to move to Bradley House, the retirement home at Mayfield College. He died quite unexpectedly of a coronary thrombosis.



Only photo of Brother Alphonsus, in the College playground.

BROTHER BONIFACE (John T. Ryan) Born: Hull, England, March 31, 1880 Died: Isle of Wight, England, November 27, 1899 Brother Boniface received the habit at Mayfield on September 8, 1896, when he was sixteen. Brother Jerome (October 25) was his Superior; Brother Cyril (November 26) his Headmaster and Novice Master. The staff at Mayfield had been depleted to provide for the newly-founded Clapham College. Brother Boniface, was prematurely inducted into teaching. When his health broke down, he was sent to a sanatorium at Ventnor on the Isle of Wight. He died in his twentieth year.

MONSIGNOR JAMES VALENTINE WARWICK
Second Rector of Balham (1895 - 1908)

Born in London on February 14th, 1857, he was educated at the English Colleges in Lisbon and in Rome, and was ordained in 1882. Before beginning his priestly studies he had been at the Xaverian College, Mayfield, where he was the second boy to be enrolled among the pupils of that school. After his ordination and despite his very delicate health he taught at Lisbon for 10 years. After serving at the Cathedral (1892) and Chatham (1892) and Croydon (1894), he was appointed Rector of Balham in 1895. During his thirteen years here he built the first part of our church and school and started the parishes of Tooting and Tooting Bec. Clapham Park, Altenburg Gardens, and Earlsfield also owe their beginning to him: and it was also due to his kindly encouragement that the Xaverian Brothers started their College in the parish in 1896. In 1908 he was appointed Rector of Sutton, and two years later he returned to the English College at Lisbon as Vice-Rector (1910-1911) and Rector (1911-1916). He became a Domestic Prelate in 1912. In 1916 he became Rector of East Grinstead. He retired in 1929 and went to live at Felpham, Bognor Regis, where his house was the Mass centre for the district for some years. He died suddenly on March 22nd, 1939, and was buried in Mayfield in the cemetery of the Xaverian Brothers.

When he was Rector of the English College in Lisbon and had become a Domestic Prelate, he sent to Mayfield College the photograph

reproduced here. Beneath it he wrote: "If I have been able to do any good in this life, I owe it to Mayfield".

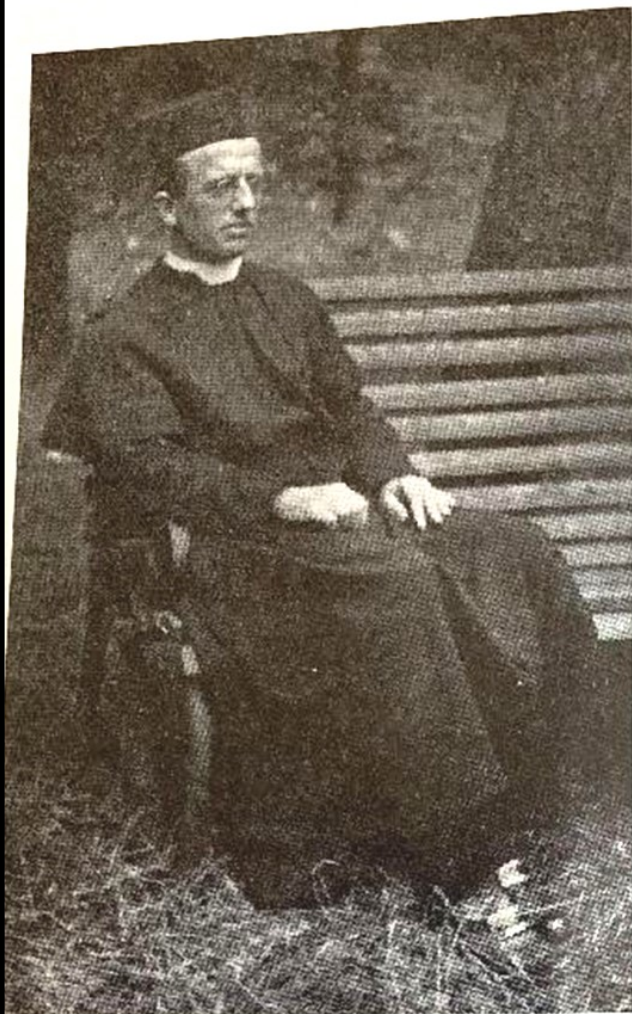


Pages 37 & 38 have been forwarded to me by Brendan Kearns, who put them under the title of "possibly of interest for Concordia". May is assure all those reading this edition, that anything an Old Xvaerian finds of interest will normally fall into the category of "include in Concordia!"

Brendan wrote...You may have covered this but I came across a 1986 History of Holy Ghost Balham written by Fr Bennett [sorry Bren, missed that one], who you may recall said many Masses for COXA during our College years.

I've attached the two relevant pages which make reference to two of the formative priests in the parish both educated at Mayfield under the Xaverians. Fr Warwick is buried in Mayfield Cemetary at the College. He was responsible for attracting the Brothers to the Parish initially. No doubt pupils at Holy Ghost were aware of this priests legacy. There are also notes about a lamp in the College Chapel brought from Daniel O Connell's own private chapel in Ireland in commemoration of the Irish emancipation many years ago which led to the setting up of these religious institutions in Balham and Clapham.

FATHER JOHN MOYNIHAN
Third Rector of Balham (1908 - 1915)



Born in Bermondsey in 1871, he was educated at the Xaverian College, Mayfield, and at Womersley where he was ordained on June 6th, 1896. His years as a curate were spent at the Cathedral, St. John the Baptist's, Brighton, and at Camberwell. He then became Rector of Dartford, and a few years later Rector of the parish. He came to Balham in 1908 in succession to Father Warwick who had been appointed to Sutton. During the seven years he spent here Father Moynihan made several improvements to the church. The porch was added, the pulpit erected, and the interior of the church made considerably brighter by the stained-glass window in the sanctuary and another above the porch. He also had the school

enlarged and cleared off what remained of the debt due to the building of the church and school in 1897. In 1915 he became Rector of St. Mary's, West Croydon, and two years later he died on November 26th, 1917, after a month's illness resulting from pneumonia. He was only 46 years of age. Our baptismal font was presented by the parishioners in loving memory of this good and zealous parish priest.

During Father Moynihan's last days at Balham a silver jubilee of the parish was celebrated. August 15th, 1915, was the day chosen for the solemn celebration, as it was on this feast twenty five years before (August 15th, 1890) that the local Catholics were admitted to the Convent chapel for the first time. There was High Mass at 11 a.m. at which Father Moynihan officiated. The special preacher at the Mass was Father Dennon, Chaplain to Clapham College, who reminded the parishioners that they should love and frequent their parish church. This church should never be empty; day by day there should be someone watching and praying. And so he would say: let the confessionals be thronged, let the priests of God sit there weary but full of joy. Let the altar rails be crowded with people coming to receive the Bread of life.

A reception was held in the Convent grounds in the afternoon, when Father Moynihan and the curate, Father Thomas Clifton, welcomed a large number of parishioners. Fr. Moynihan read a letter of congratulations from Mgr. William Brown, the Vicar General: "Let me offer you and your people my earnest congratulations on having cleared off the church debt. I think there will be a special place in Heaven for those who pay off debts which they did not contract".

The day closed with Vespers of the Feast, at which a sermon was preached by Dr. Murphy, a cheery breezy Irishman, whose words of congratulations and hopefulness ended the festival on exactly the right note.

Monsignor Warwick & Father Moynihan were Parish Priests of the Holy Ghost Balham from 1895 to 1915. It was the brain-child of Mon. James Warwick that brought the Xaverians to Clapham, he was followed by Fr Moynihan who'd been educated at Mayfield.

John Norton... "looks like a nice boy"!

WHY I WENT TO CLAPHAM COLLEGE

Choosing a secondary school for your child these days would involve, attending open days, talking to other parents and maybe looking at school league tables. My mum had a different approach. I attended St. Annes in Vauxhall and sometimes an ex-pupil, a good looking blonde boy from Clapham College, **Michael Moore** would visit St. Annes to have a chat with the headmaster Mr. Stanley. My mum would always say "Doesn't Michael look smart in his blue blazer?" So the choice for the next step in my education was made! In those days (1972) you had to get three



ones in various subjects to be suitable for a grammar school education or, it would be either Sacred Heart Mixed Comprehensive, Camberwell or St. Gerards Secondary Modern. I managed to get the three ones but before being accepted you had to attend an interview with the Headmaster of Clapham College. I remember my mum putting on her posh voice and calling the headmaster "**Mr. Peacock**" (Are You Being Served?!) After some small talk I had to go alone with him into his office where I was asked to read aloud from a book about Julius Caesar which was quite straight forward and then was given three Maths questions to answer. The first two were pretty simple but the third I had no idea. **Mr. Pocock** eventually said, "The answer is point five but I'm sure you knew that" I nodded but I really didn't have a clue. Afterwards Mr. Pocock told my mum that I was a very pleasant young man; he would be welcoming me to the College in September. What I should have said to Mum was that maybe Clapham was not the school for me. At Sacred Heart I'll be top of the class, they could make me Head Boy, I wouldn't have to wait till I was 18 to get a girlfriend! I made such a big impression at Clapham that many years later at an Old Boys lunch at the Oval, the **O'Flynn's** were talking to Mr. Pocock when **Tony** called me over and said to Mr. Pocock "You remember John Norton?" Cecil looked at me with a certain amount of disdain and said "Were you at St. Gerards?"

John Przednowek

The wonderful accounts by the War Boys in the last Decade were inspiring and hence took the liberty of recounting a bit about **Rafal** (1949 {3 months} to 1955 (nearly 6 years) - I thought that latter long period qualified him for the 50s. But you are right, association with Lulu is much more interesting. On this list - noted that the passing of **Boleslaw Mossakowski** is not recorded - that was 18th April 2015. He was a brilliant statistician. I also knew **Joseph Gmaj** - no 'i' at the end of his name - current whereabouts unknown. Regards John [Sorry - correction. **Boleslaw Mossakowski (Moss)**, passed away on 10 April 2015]



Bernard Regan and Bernard Farrell in Dorset, August 2018

BERNARD ALOYSIUS REGAN (Clapham College 1938-1943) It was later, in 1939, that he met his best friend Bernard Farrell, who was in the year below me. **BERNARD FARRELL (1939-1944)**

They have maintained that close friendship to this day [**mates for 84 years**]
[just imagine one of them was **Mick McLoughlin!**]

It is a great story [two great stories] which you will find in the Clapham Old Xaverian Archive online at **www.claphamoldxaverianarchive.com**

Under the Heading “Clapham at War” then “College in Exile 1939 to 1945”. If you have never visited the Old Xaverian Website please do so for these two “**nonagenarians**” [ninety-year-old - [I looked it up] Clapham Boys]. The story of the two Bernards is a fantastic and a beautiful read, when you think of their enduring friendship. Their two daughter **Lucy Farrell and Sue Regan** have been of great help with the bringing this story to us - it’s one we might have missed, so gratitude to them both.

Their stories are brilliant [but too detailed for this “packed” edition of Concordia, I’ll endeavour to include them both in our Summer edition, ...Scotty



My career as a photographic model.

When we were away I was chatting with Mark who is a friend of Berni and Ian. Somehow we talked about photography and I promised to tell him about my career. He suffers from dementia and we did not get the chance to chat again but I was trying to remember how it came about. In the course of that effort to recall events a lot came back to me and I was able to put it into order.

We were living in Glanfield Road and I had stopped playing football with the old boys. I played for Beckenham Town as I was very close for home games. Mary was a member of the local young mum's group and that gave us some social contacts, parties etc. We were at a party when a young woman talked to me and asked if I was interested in doing some photo shoots! I was surprised but interested. She told me her husband took photos for magazines and she recruited likely subjects. When she told me who her husband was I realised it was Mike, centre half of Beckenham Town. We knew each other but I was unaware of his side line. She had picked me out for my rugged manly poise and charm, of course! He told me that his photos were used in ladies magazines to illustrate romantic story lines and that the shoots were on Sundays, he paid £10 a time. Usually two or three days per story line. I needed to have a change of clothes and he would tell me what sort of things to bring along. He picked me up, we went down to near Sevenoaks, picked up a lady and went to a farm. The story was of a vet and some sort of romance. At the farm the farmer took us into the yard, his pig was very interested in the visitors and stood up to watch what was going on. We did a few more photos and then arranged to meet the next Sunday. That time I was in different clothes including a stylish roll neck jumper. That was it and a few weeks later I had another session with a different woman and another story line. In all I did about 5 sessions and the money came in very handy it was the 70's. I thought no more of it and carried on as before, working at the head office. What I didn't know was that some of the girls at the office read True Love, and Woman's Story. On the noticeboard a photo was pinned up with me at the farm with the pig. Chris Smith had been told by one of the girls and had added a speech bubble! I was horrified and there was much merriment at my expense. Worse, there were more pictures to follow!!

The next picture showed me with the lady and my head was held high in a disdainful manner (I thought). The speech bubbles had been added by ~~Chris Smith~~ She 'What's wrong Frank, what's wrong?' Me, 'You've starched my polo neck! That' what's wrong!' I went into hiding. There were more to come and I survived the embarrassment, just. My Dad was MD and I think he frowned on the tomfoolery. Poignantly, when Dad died among his effects we found the first cutting that he must have had confiscated. I'm sure he enjoyed my discomfort. My career ended after that, no sunny future being a male model, just as well. Happy days. **Jim Connor, a true friend of Frank!**

Tony Cleather misquoted - surely not - was Colin Garvey involved?

Tony Cleather wishes to “clarify” information within the “125th History of his era”...

Re Registers

Sorry have missed your deadline but have been away and only just got back.

Obviously have checked my own entry first (line 117) and frankly was astonished to see it! *Someone has been having a laugh.*

The following need correction:

Column D: my address is incorrect

Column H: I did graduate in Food Technology (Reading University) **but have never been a Bank Clerk!**

Column I: (I presume this is for hobbies etc) Yes I liked cricket at school **but also football (captain of 2nd XI); I liked a moderate drink but was never a hobby so “drinking”** definitely gives completely the wrong impression!

As for others, I note **Richard Cox-Horton** (line 119). He was with me at Reading doing Food Technology but lost touch after graduation. He was usually known as **Dick**. During school years, he lived in Earlsfield.

John McGrath (line 145): he lived in Tooting Bec and left after 5th form in 1959. I believe he currently lives on the Isle of Wight but I haven't been in touch.

Peter Pozzoni (line 158): he still lives near Knutsford, Cheshire and has retired from his architectural practice which he founded. **Begley** taught him Italian and Peter went on to become a fluent Italian speaker; he also has a house in Northern Italy which he visits occasionally.

Peter Keenan (line 207): for some reason, you have him starting in 1955; this is wrong. He was a contemporary and classmate of mine having started in **1954**.


Sorry but the above few facts are all I can muster; no interesting stories or scandals come to mind!

All the best **Tony Cleather**

It is really great that Tony has found time to correct things in the Archive to correct information is recorded incorrectly.. 1] He hadn't, we'd continue thinking all our details are correct2]. It makes the Archive more accurate as a area for reference. 3] Finally whilst passing more accurate detail “EVERYBODY” adds a little more ...and we add more.....and so it goes on.....



I have seen your latest email to my dad, **William “Bill” Kidd**, about chapter 7. Unfortunately dad died in June. You have a picture of him on page 20, third row from top, third from left 😊 My dad was born in 1939 so he'd have attended the school from the late 40s (?) through the 50s. In your research did you come across anything about him? He was not only a student but I believe a staff member who also went on adventures and outings with the students. He became a chemistry teacher after university and worked at his former school so I'm assuming that was this school. It would be interesting to hear about anything you know but don't worry if you don't have anything. Thanks [*Bill's daughter, no Clapham link*] After emailing I very quickly scanned through the document and saw a few mentions and photos of dad. He tried to teach me Chemistry too but the nomenclatures had changed by then so it was as if he was speaking an alien tongue. However, I still graduated with a chemistry degree like my dad. He had a long and full life with fun a long the way by the looks of things. **“Bill Kidd 100%”** – was that a nickname? **Fiona Tisch - Bill Kidd's daughter**



Oh, to be in England
Now that Brexit's there,
And whomsoever wakes to
See some mourning, unaware
That the lowest born and brushed off child
With empty bowl and hunger wild,
While the fattened cats feast on pheasant
roast,
Is England toast?

And after Boris, what may follow,
Another term of promise hollow?
Hark, where my Truss and Sunak hedge
His policies of old raked over.
Inflation prices, to the brink we edge,
And their comfy friends, enwrapped in clover,
All waiting for the autumnal rapture,
Another term in power to capture.
Yet we the few, we tired few
Who strive to wrest their failing grip on power,
Still waiting for the bloom of freedom's flower

Scotty, for the Next Edition of Concordia.
Thoughts from Abroad (apologies to Robert Browning)
Robert Murphy

Hi Scotty, saw this photograph posted on the internet of **Brendan Williams**
His work for his **Building Heroes Charity** has been recognised at the Reception
for the **Queen's Award for Enterprise 2022** .Well done to our former
Chairman! Best wishes, **Gerry Morrison**
The photograph has "pride of place" on Page 1 of this edition
King Charles was still "Prince" ... but Brendan has met "The King"

Remembrance Sunday Clapham College 2016
Bernard Farrell (L), Bernard Regan (R) and Harry Mellor (C)
A truly great Clapham Old Xaverian trio.



This brilliant photo of our recently departed Queen Elizabeth was in the COXA Archive [or box, as I call it] no reason why, location, or sender, but I just assume she was flying past Clapham College, waving at the Xaverian Brothers from her Rolls Royce window [someone will write in and shatter my illusion]

I'VE RUN OUT OF SPACE! Final words
 Please see 11 decades on the History of Clapham on 125th Anniversary. You will be in there! www.claphamoldxaverians.co.uk

Terry Sheridan [over from New Zealand] another great story



Have 50 left - any takers?

Put 200 of these into last Concordias, sorry about the 40 who had to pay £1.50 postage due! Only 20 have sent COXA any cash!... Please !!!!!!!!!!!!!



If the **Class of 1954** keep meeting in the Falcon two or three times a year, I feel “honour-bound” to keep including photos of them drinking in the Falcon at Clapham Junction. Are there any other regular gatherings I should endorse? [apart from **Alcoholics, Gamblers, COXA** and of course **Lulu Anonymous Groups**?]



Sorry Victor, I just love this photo - apologies for the many repeats [throughout].



George Day's son has just joined the Xaverian Association; welcome "on-board", Malcolm.

More from the **John Leathem** Photo Album - if they are NOT - then they are from the online file that I saved dozens of John Leathem Photos to [if that makes sense?]. John does not want to take credit for other Xaverians "pics"...



What these photos do is conjure up a time when COXA and social events were fun. A time that the Old Xaverians have taken into the 21st Century and now onto 2023. Some "great faces" we'll never see again, with more "frolics" to come from a bunch of 60-90-year-olds!

So it ends, hopefully a page, or two, you found interesting, relevant, funny or could "hark back to"



"HARK", where did that come from? [the Herald Angels sing?]. Contact Scotty [Editor] 12 FARROW DRIVE, BARNHAM, CHICHESTER, PO22 0FN with anything to print or CASH, Membership or DONATIONS editor@claphamoldxaverians.co.uk or [07508001217]