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Celebrating 125 years

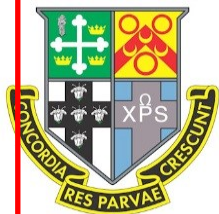
The 1980s

1897 – 2022

Clapham College

Clapham Old Xaverians





125 Years of Clapham College

1. Chapter 10 - 1980 to 1989



- 1983 July - Mr. C. Pocock, Deputy Headmaster, retires.
- 1984 December - Mr. M. Gleeson retires.
- 1985 January - Mr. R. Sparks, Headmaster.
July - Clapham College closes on the Clapham site to re-open in September on the site of Notre Dame Girls School, Battersea.
September - St. Francis Xavier College opens. Mr. B. Snalune, Principal.
- 1986 The Notre Dame Convent in Battersea is sold. Pupils move into the I.L.E.A. building in Raywood Street, Battersea.
- 1988 October - Remaining school, boys and staff, spend a week in Italy to mark forthcoming closure.
- 1989 July - Final closure of Clapham College.

The summary above, that is the WWW view of Clapham College, but missed oh, so many, of the “vital ingredients” of this decade at Clapham. The degree of change at the College was possibly the most dramatic. Clapham College was to close. The decade opened with over a 1,000 boys in a new purpose-built comprehensive school and even with good results and sporting excellence, National Schoolboys sporting winners, the roll, as with all the other South London Schools was falling. The mid-decade closure of Clapham on the Nightingale Lane site and the opening of S.F.X. Was a life-change for the Association too. The removal of the College to the vacated Notre Dame [Battersea site] meant that it’s time was up! The remains of small group of boys and staff “lived on” for a few years before the final closure of Clapham in July 1989 marked the end of an era. The Old Boys were the “mirror-opposite” in terms of expansion. Numbers swelled. With Membership at a record high. The Football Section fielded NINE sides [with “grumbling” reserves] on a Saturday, 8 in the League. Cricket grew to four weekend teams, social events became all-ticket selling out, [who’d forget Old Xavierian **Bob “Golden Boots” Chambers** & Bob Kerrs Whoopy Band at The College? Motor Rallies, Mayfield Picnics, Norbury, Tues Training, 50-plus attendees and “jugs” of everything. But the “fear” of no feeder-school was there.....



125 Years of Clapham College



1. Football news from "Clapper"

FOOTBALL

1980/81 turned out to be a great season for the Club, with three trophies for the shelf (where?) and a few near-misses. The 1st XI topped Senior 1 and gained promotion, for the first time ever, to the Premier Division of the League. The 2nd XI won Intermediate South and promotion to Senior 3. The 3rds came 4th, and the 4ths came 3rd. The 5ths and 6ths both finished 3rd from bottom, avoiding the dreaded relegation by one point. The third trophy? Well, the Club was awarded the League's Sportsmanship Trophy.

Last season also saw the ground at Norbury being run entirely by COXA for the first time. Thanks to lots of hard work put in by a dedicated few, all went well. Congratulations to everyone - players, officials, spectators, helpers - for making it one of the most successful seasons ever.

During the summer break a lot more hard work was put in and a new Clubhouse/Bar and changing facilities were installed. The new premises have been Egon Ronay approved, and we look forward to your company any Saturday.

The Club's AGM in August was totally uncontroversial, the main point of interest being that the Club would remain 'closed'. Club officers elected were: Secretary - Derek Rowe, Treasurer - Ray Murphy, and Match Secretary - Eddie O'Brien. There were the usual heated discussions concerning the levying of extra subscriptions. Extra subs won.

The 1981/82 season is now on its way, with everyone apart from the 4ths (one point from five games) having a fairly good start. Detailed reports of team progress will appear in the next edition. Last season's achievements might be hard to better, but let's hope for some promotion and the odd cup to cheer us.

Last season's Player of the Year was 2nd XI skipper Richard Januszewski. Improved player of the year, Mick McGowan. Well done, fellas.

1966 AND ALL THAT

Thumbing through a copy of the 1966 Concordia - that needs a memory for a start - the Football Section report makes fascinating reading. It was the year of the League/Cup double - the third year running the 1st XI won their division.

In all 102 goals were scored 72 in 20 League matches and 30 in 7 Cup matches.

The goal scorers make interesting reading too - Tony Amura 22, Frank Hixson 21, Chris Smith 17, John McGuire 16, Pete Brown 9, Phil Leeder 7, Keith Proctor 7, Eugene Smyth 1, og 2 How many seasons since then have four players broken double figures in 1st XI games? Over to you Derek or Scotty!

Tony Amura

PS Concordia - a scurrillous little rag from the sixties. Ed.

MAD SCOTSMAN ASKS FOR MORE

When I played my first game for the Old Boys in November 1969 against Josephians I was fortunate enough to score a goal. Seeing my name in print under "Goalscorers" prompted me to start collecting teamsheets.

My collection of teamsheets has survived to the present season - with a few gaps, due to over-vigorous spring cleaning by my wife. At present I am missing a complete season (1975/76). If any reader has any copies from this year, or if any captain has details of that season I would be delighted if they could forward them to me at 103 Venner Road, SE26. (I would be pleased to return them if requested.)

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2. Clapperboard 1981 news from the Old Boys

CLAPPERBOARD

It's certainly been a romantic past summer. Taking their cue from Charles and Diana several Old Xaverians tied the proverbial knot. Congratulations to the following couples:

Starting the ball rolling in June were John and Krystyna (Nesal); then during July came Brendan and Anna (Williams); followed by Chris and Liz (Taylor); followed by Eamonn and Sue (Keenan); next, during August, it was Dave and Caroline (Murtagh); finally, in September, we had Tim and Sarah (Hixson); and Mick and Bina (McLaughlin). There was a bit of excitement here when Tom McLaughlin, the best man, split his trousers.

Rumours have reached this office that Laurie Mullane has got married recently. We have no other details.

The stark has been pretty busy too, and more congratulations go to the following parents and offspring:

Graham & Muriel Hudson - Trevor
Chris & Linda Smith - daughter
Joseph & Alison Williams - Philip
Gerry & Pauline Taggart - Damien
Mick & June McGrath - Elizabeth

Dick Riley (1970) is seen frequently in the Cardinal (public house) enjoying a brew. At present he is modelling for a "Yes Minister" character while he is working in the Secretary of State for Industry's private office. This job got him an all-expenses-paid trip to Japan, etc., with his former boss (known affectionately as "the Aytollah"). He might even turn up on Boxing Day ... Dick, that is.

Nicholas Scott (1947), MP, a former Clapham College boy (now, not many people know that) has been transferred to the Northern Ireland Office as a junior minister. It seems clear (considering Dick Riley's activities) that there is a strong link between Clapham and Whitehall. Wait for exciting revelations about the left-wing group formed in Hollywood in the mid-fifties and its strange inclinations.

We are sorry to announce the recent death from an heart attack of John Flynn.

Rev. Len Marchant writes that after working for 15 years at the Rome HQ of the White Fathers he has at 77 years old finally retired. He now lives at their house for the elderly at 9 Mirig Rd, Rutherglen, Glasgow. Following two elder brothers he started at Clapham in 1915. He then moved to Mayfield and in 1919 went to the Junior Seminary for the White Fathers at Bishop's Waltham in Hampshire. He sends best wishes and urges any contemporaries to get in touch with him.

3. 1981 - Old Boys Social Events

EVENTS

GUY FAWKES NIGHT

"Until last weekend this item was on the Forthcoming Events page." Thoughts like that flash (or, in my case, amble) through one's mind when one tries to recall the details of the Fireworks Party. I'm sure that this was not because there were insufficient highlights - on the contrary, there were too many to cover.

Our very own Ted (Hayter) fizzed away in the impenetrable gloom, ably assisted (I am informed) by Alan Webber and Frank Barretta. Meanwhile, back at the pavilion, Paul Barretta was rendering down a few oxen into some delicious consomme. A new, complex, system of entry charges was introduced this year (half-price for children). Suddenly COXs regained the youth which had so long deserted them on the football field.

It's surprising how many fireworks you can buy for £150+ these days. This, together with some clever planning by Ted - involving 15-minute intervals between touch papers - meant that the crowd was pleasantly chilled by the time it reached the bar. Thawing-out was achieved in most cases within the hour and dancing then commenced. Some of the most inspired cavorting ever seen at Norbury was enjoyed by those too shy to participate or still suffering from exposure. (I hope Paul has left the kitchen by now.)

LADIES NIGHT

One thrilled to the gracious atmosphere of Ladies' Night at Norbury in November. The unaccustomed elbow-room, the soft lights, the warm sticky texture of the floor, all combined to make this a truly memorable evening - or perhaps it was the 'silly hour' when ½-price drinks could be ordered by the softer sex. And what lovely new acquaintances one made at this time! The well-chosen musical background induced many to tap a toe (or, in some cases, to roll up a trouser-leg). Let's have more of these select occasions, advertised discreetly on the Norbury Noticeboard - please!

A LADY

The very first ever CLAPHAM RUBIK CUBE, SPACE INVADERS AND PERSONAL COMPUTER SHOW took place at Norbury last weekend. The event was a huge success and is sure to be repeated next year. The Clubhouse rats were highly impressed with it all and chewed through several miles of wiring. Nobody managed the cube in the allotted 6 hours. First prize in the grand competition was a pair of designer 'wellies' by Gloria Jerrybilt. The lucky winner being none other than young

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BEAUTIFUL FUNDAY

Date: 27th September 1981
 Venue: Hyde Park
 Distance: 4 Km (2½ miles)

Intrepid Heroes:

Eric Tope, Pat Burke, Kev McKenna,
 Eddie O'Brien, Mick Brien, Paul West

A team of ten was entered for the Sunday Times Fun Run. Only six were needed for a TEAM result, which was just as well, because only six made it.

Twentytwo thousand people completed the course. Entrants ran against people of their own age group, each group being within a 'band' of two years or so. (Eric was at a disadvantage, running against his juniors.) An optimum time for the course was 15 minutes. Individual awards were presented within percentage groups within category finishers, i.e.

Gold (top 15%)	West
Silver (next 30%)	O'Brien, McKenna, Brien
Bronze (next 55%)	Tope, Burke

The team itself (the only Old Boys team to be represented) finished 879 out of 1,350 entries (can do better). Each entrant contributes to the Stoke Mandeville Hospital charity.

N.B. No truth in the rumour that Mick Powell, upon finding out we came 879th, said "Who beat us?"

Next year we are looking for a better representation - at least three teams, and a ladies team.

P.B. (Organiser/Grand Wazir)

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VIEWS

THIRTY (GLORIOUS?) YEARS CECIL POCKOCK

It was, in fact, just before Christmas 1950 that I first came to Clapham College. I was a student teacher coming to arrange my teaching practice for the following term. I had never heard of the school, nor of the Xaverian Brothers, before. Indeed, the very first Brother I ever met, Brother Bernard who answered the door, gave me a very old-fashioned look when I called him "Father" in my ignorance. Brother Joseph was Headmaster - a very warm, outgoing, and unconventional character, as well as being a fine athlete. We got on well together and I so enjoyed my teaching practice that, when he invited me to join the staff as an assistant History master, I jumped at the chance.

Among my staff colleagues were such great characters as Bill Blight, Nat Sherier, Joe Church, and Mr. McLoughlin - all long dead; but of that 1951 vintage several are still alive and well: Alec Begley, Charlie Cocks, Harry Escott, Tony Higgins, John Gibb, Hubert Sheppee, Mr. Smith, Elved Thomas, and Ernie Wright. Of the Brothers then at Clapham, only Brothers Stephen and Columba are still with us. Bernard Plummer was School Captain. The Vith form included such luminaries as Paul Dufeu, John Tee, Michael Sheehy, and Del Cooper. Essentially for the next 24 years the staff changed little. Joseph was replaced by Brother Peter, and he, in his turn, by me. Some of the "new-comers" like Terry Clegg, John Richins, Brian Sanders, and Colin Garvey, came and stayed - although Colin is deserting us at long last.

Academically, the only major expansion was in the number of Vith formers, which rose from some 30 when I came, to some 80 when we amalgamated. Some new subjects were introduced over the years - such as Economics, Computer Studies, British Constitution, Geology, and Law - but any major syllabus changes were simply not practicable.

The school buildings, too, hardly altered. A new dining centre was built, after much agitation; the greenhouse became a Biology Laboratory; coal fires were replaced by central heating; when the Brothers left, extra rooms were released for sixth form use. But, basically, little changed: inter-connecting classrooms, the "demonstration lab" with its vintage 1890 desks, the Art-cum-Music room over the stables, and the all-purpose hall/theatre/gymnasium. The facilities, in retrospect, really were appalling, but at the time they seemed adequate, and there was always the compensation of the beautiful grounds with their glorious trees and floral displays, the Paddock with its many uses, and Brother Dunstan's greenhouse with its vine and tobacco plants, and his boules lawn.

The school was small, never passing the 380 mark. The atmosphere was relaxed and friendly. Discipline was humane and unforced. Relations between Brothers, lay staff, and boys, were cordial and unstrained.

From the beginning I took part in all that the school had to offer. There were few, if any, activities in which I was not involved.

There were the school plays, produced jointly by myself and John Gibb. Many reached a very high standard. Among the outstanding performances were those of Peter Smith as the Provincial in "The Strong are Lonely", Tom Varney as Macbeth, and John Mattock as Moliere's Mizer.

Other regular yearly activities were the delightful Carol Service in Chapel, with Mr. Smith achieving quite remarkable results with his limited facilities and time; the Speech Days - some at Battersea Town Hall, others on the lawn; the Sports Days at Tooting Bec track under Tom Marshall's benign supervision; the Christmas parties for the first and second years (how many remember my Nursery Rhyme game?); and, later on, the Old Boys' Careers Evening.

Interspersed with these were a large variety of school visits: the Tower, Hampton Court, Canterbury, St. Albans, Parliament, and the Law Courts in my particular sphere.

5. Article on Norbury, by Chairman Michael Powell

All games were, of course, played at Norbury, which was just big enough to take one whole year at a time with its two full-sized pitches, its small practice pitch, and its cricket table. Apart from the time-tabled games (every Monday and Wednesday), I spent many happy hours every Saturday refereeing football matches and umpiring cricket, both morning and afternoon. Every Saturday six elevens were fielded, with reserves, in both sports - a fifth of the school out regularly! 1st and 2nd eleven games almost invariably ended in the congenial surroundings of the Sussex, or the George, or the Windmill. We produced our fair share of good athletes and footballers. Names such as Michael Turvey, Colin Luke, Peter McDermott, and Mick Gowen, come readily to mind.

Many happy times were also spent in our annual visits to Paris, staying in Lycées, doing the sights, patrolling the huge dormitories, doling out spending money, and encouraging the lads at least to try the food (the wine needed no such encouragement). Our favourite venue was the Lycée Janson de Sailly, in a very swish area of Paris, where we were looked upon as a model school!

For me, of course, some of the happiest times of all were spent in Summer Camps at Foxhunt or Mayfield. These were usually great fun and genuinely relaxing. The Carpenters Area was occupied every night for two weeks. The lads were sent off to Brighton, Eastbourne, and Hastings, whilst some of the cooks remained behind - ostensibly to clear up the site, in fact to go out to a magnificent lunch somewhere. Football and cricket tournaments and treasure hunts were organised and, according to the losers, invariably fixed, by me. The final bonfire was always a noisy and hilarious climax. This pattern was only broken on three occasions: once when we went on a wonderful camping tour in France and Switzerland, once when we camped in the Lake District, and once when I was in the States.

Yes, there were many good times. Then, in the early Seventies, came the first steps towards reorganisation. The Brothers left; the piledrivers moved in, followed by the builders, followed by every conceivable public official. Amazingly enough, during those two years of continuous dust, noise, and chaos, the school continued to function much as before, and its essential spirit remained unchanged. Indeed, these years saw the best academic results in the history of the school. I certainly enjoyed my five years as Headmaster.

So 1975 came at last. The old order gave way to the new. The past six years have certainly been the busiest of my teaching life. In some ways they have also been the most rewarding. To see something new taking shape and to feel that you are helping in that process is a great experience. The new Clapham College is a new school: it is not just an extension of the old. The composition is vastly different; so are the problems. But I have consciously tried to carry over some of those attitudes which helped to make the old Clapham College such a happy little unit, both in staff relationships and, even more significantly, in relationships between staff and the young people themselves. It has not always been easy: at times, things have seemed to be going very wrong. But these setbacks have been only temporary. This year in particular, I have often felt the same optimism and enthusiasm which I felt when, as a young man, I first came to teach at Clapham, thirty years ago.

A few weeks ago I had the great pleasure of being a guest at the OX's Football Dinner. As I looked around I found that there were only three OXs present whom I had not, at some time or other, taken at school: Don Mulvihill, Derek Rowe, and Henry Pincet - and even Henry I had only missed by the breadth of a summer holiday! That really rather threw me! There was Brian Sanders, with his own son now in our fifth year, at one end of the spectrum, and our current Upper With, already OXs in all but name, at the other end. That is quite a gap.

They have been thirty very happy and rewarding years. I do not feel, nor, I hope, do I look, like a Mr. Chips. I do not, as a rule, wallow in the past. The present generation is just as important to me as any which has preceded it. So, before I do get too nostalgic, let me finish by just saying: it has been a pleasure knowing and teaching you - even Rick Powell!

FREEZER FUN

One good thing about the snow/blizzards/storms and ice/black ice during our recent arctic winter has been the many and varied designer wellies and odd assorted headgear to be seen out and about. Pride of place must go to the passengers on the Guildford to Waterloo line for the soppiest outfits ever seen. Our fashion correspondent Slinky Eveningdress was speechless and cancelled her appointments for the rest of the day.

Diocesan report: sixth form college for Southwark

A Roman Catholic sixth form college to serve Wandsworth, Lambeth and Southwark, and housed at the present Clapham College, is among proposals formulated last week by a working party set up by Southwark Diocesan Schools' Commission.

The proposal is contained in a report which looks into the effects of falling rolls on the 19 Catholic secondary schools in South London. The report also recommends a consortium of schools for Greenwich and Lewisham which would operate under a joint management committee containing representatives of each governing body. Schools in this consortium would cater for the full 11-19 age range.

Move to cut school meals cost

A recommendation to reduce the price of school meals from 35p to 25p in September will go before a joint meeting of four sub-committees of the Authority

The writers of the report recall the time, not so long ago, when it was impossible to find a place for every Catholic child in a Catholic school.

Today there are vacancies in 10 of the schools - a fact which has led the working party to recommend amalgamations, retaining spare accommodation for a possible future reversal in population trends.

Present figures predict a decline of 40 per cent in the numbers entering Catholic

For South and South West London the main recommendations are as follows:

A sixth form college on the premises of Clapham College; amalgamation of John Griffiths school and Notre Dame, Battersea on the site of John Griffiths; of La Retraite High School and Convent of the Holy Family on the La Retraite site; of Notre Dame High School, Southwark and St Veronica's school on the site of Notre Dame High School, Southwark. The pro-

This was an amalgamation of some of the ten catholic Schools in South London, with the closure of others [St Veronica, Holy Family Tooting and Notre Dame Battersea] and the opening of the Sixth Form Catholic College, [aptly named St Francis Xavier], on the Malwood Road Site.. Numbers on school rolls had been falling - fewer children, fewer Catholic children, meant a common-sense reorganisation [although painful for many] was required by the Diocese.

This proved to be an immense success in the long-run, but in the mid-1980s many thought it was a risky venture.

Notre Dame Battersea is offices, Holy Family is a Sainsburys and College, St Veronica is now English Martyrs Catholic Primary School.

SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

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posed amalgamation of Sacred Heart school and St Michael's should be re-assessed in the light of dockland development currently under discussion. The intake of Bishop Thomas Grant and St Thomas the Apostle schools should be reduced to six and five forms of entry respectively.

For South East London the main recommendations are:

A consortium of six Catholic schools with co-operation at sixth form level under representative management committee. The amalgamation of St Joseph's Academy and St Austin's School on the St Joseph's Academy site; the intake of St Theresa's School and Bonas Pastor School to be reduced to four and three forms of entry respectively.

The plans, if approved, would take five or six years to implement with the least possible disruption.

Copies of the report, which have been distributed to interested parties, may be obtained from the Diocesan Schools' Commission, 97A Belmont Hill, SE13.

INNER LONDON COUNTY
SCHOOLS F.A.

THE PALMER CUP
(UNDER 19)

FINAL

ARCHBISHOP TENISON'S

V

CLAPHAM COLLEGE

MONDAY 6th APRIL 1981

MILLWALL F.C.

COLDBLOW LANE S.E.14

KICK OFF 7p.m.

8. More success for U19s Clapham College

Clapham College have had an outstanding unbeaten season so far. They have reached the Semi-Finals of the ESFA National Dentyne Competition beating Palmers College Essex 4:0 in the Quarter Final.

To date, they have scored 94 goals in 21 matches and conceded only 24.

B. Costelloe, C. Heath and R. Petrozzi are County U19 'A' team players.

R. Petrozzi is a member of the ENGLAND U18 team to play WALES at Norwich on April 14th.

Archbishop Tenison's have played consistently well this season to reach today's Final. In the National Dentyne Competition they lost 2:1 to Cardinal Newman Sussex after a replay.

G. Taylor and I. Paterson are County U16 team players; D. Parfitt, P. Knight are in the U19 'A' squad and A. Shea is in the 'B' squad.

The two schools last met in last season's Quarter Finals of the London Schools 'Ebdon Trophy' when Tenison's won 2:1 after a replay. Clapham haven't lost since.

The Inner London County Schools F.A. would like to express its thanks to the Directors of Millwall F.C. for offering to stage this final.

SOUTH LONDON SCHOOLS F.A.
FINAL U19

CLAPHAM COLLEGE

v

ARCHBISHOP TENISON'S

LONDON UNIVERSITY STADIUM
NOTSPUR PARK

Monday, 13th April 1981 2.30 p.m.

9. Tony Jimenez – Football Captain, International Entrepreneur



Tony Jimenez, was a Clapham College pupil in the 1980s who in the 6th Form under the Managership of **Graham Hudson** took the Clapham College football team to National Football success. The football team had already won a string of trophies when they reached the final of the All England's after a 2-2 Draw watched by a hundred Old Boys at the Palace, the team "shared" the trophy for that year [no penalties in those days!] Then back to Norbury for an unforgettable night.

Tony Jimenez (born December 1962 in Brixton, London, England) is of Spanish nationality, resident in Cyprus and Dubai. A respected international businessman, he was formerly a Vice President for Newcastle United F.C. He has been involved in a series of prestigious business ventures including property, hotel and golf course developments in Spain, France, Cyprus, and Dubai, including Les Bordes, Europe's best golf course. Jimenez is well known for providing his time and efforts hosting and supporting charitable events around the world such as the annual Limassol Golf charity tournament and the Les Bordes memorial event, as well as attending others such as the Al Naboodah Golf charity event held on Al Yas Island, Abu Dhabi, in which Jimenez finished 8th in 2011. A close friend of former Seville boss Juande Ramos, Jimenez hosted a meeting at his home in Seville where Daniel Levy, Paul Kemsley and other Spurs directors and Ramos met to discuss a possible move to Tottenham. Jimenez was instrumental in convincing his friend to accept the deal and brought Ramos over from Spain to become the new boss at Tottenham. The Spanish press at the time also reported how Jimenez had been a close associate of Gino Pozzo, the owner of Udinese Football Club. Jimenez is not an agent but has a reputation as a Mr Fixit and is well respected for his football knowledge and extensive international contacts in the game including owners, managers and players. In 2004/05 Jimenez was listed as Vice-President of E8NIKOS AXNAS playing their football in the Cypriot Premier League. [these facts are really "ancient"].

10. The English Schools Under 19s Trophy

Winners 1981 "Clapham College"



● CLAPHAM College skipper Tony Jiminez (second from right) gets one hand at least on the Trophy. Pictured, left to right, Warner Lambert sales promotion manager Drayton Porter, St Cuthbert's captain Tim Gilmour, Tony Jiminez and ESFA vice chairman Pt Smith.

Bren gunner!

CLAPHAM College held Newcastle's St Cuthbert's to a 2-2 draw after a fighting comeback in the English Schools Football Association u-19 Dentyne Cup Final at Crystal Palace on Friday.

Clapham, qualifying for the first time as Inner London Championship finalists, were two goals down at the break, but Brendan Costello twice roused the back of the St Cuthbert's net to tie it up.

Now both sides share the Trophy for the year.

The competition, sponsored by Dentyne Chewing Gum, involved thousands of schoolboys throughout England and Wales, with 64 secondary schools, as county representatives, coming in at the first round proper.

Clapham's path to the final included a 7-4 win over Trinity (Essex), 2-1 over Enfield (Middlesex), 2-1 over Luton (Hertfordshire), 4-0 over Palmer's (Essex), and, in the semi-final, 2-0 over Harrow Weald (Middlesex).

12. The Clapham College Team [with "Master in Charge" Carl Egan] - this was his launching pad for his career in Australia, and once again made South London a safe haven for mature females

<u>ARCHBISHOP TENISON'S SE11</u>		Shirts: Red	<u>CLAPHAM COLLEGE SK12</u>	Sh
Master i/c: Mr. J.S. Anderson		Shorts: Red	Master i/c: Mr. C. Egan	Sh
11		Socks: Yellow		So
1. A. Shea			1. D. Mackey	
2. C. St. John			2. A. McGraham	
3. D. Parfitt (Captain)			3. S. Curtis	
4. P. Knight			4. S. O'Neil	
5. A. Wye			5. J. Clynch	
6. I. Paterson			6. R. Petrozzi	
7. G. Taylor		Referee	7. B. Costelloe	
8. D. Fairman		Mr. P. DON	8. C. Anyanwa	
9. A. Slater		(Twickenham)	9. R. Gibbs	
10. E. Vassell		Linesmen	10. A. Jiminez (Captain)	
11. C. Peart		Mr. P. JANKO	11. C. Heath	
12. S. Webb		(Stepney)	12. R. Beresford	
13. C. Efthymiades		Mr. G. RIGBY	13. J. Remedios	
14. L. Trappitt		(Heston)	14. M. Cusack	
15. J. Sturges			15. S. Beatty	
Prelim. Round v Crown Woods W 3:1			Round 1 v Arch. Michael Ramsey W 5:3	
Round 1 v Sir John Cass W 4:1			Round 2 v Upton House W 6:2	
Round 2 v Stepney Green W 4:1			Round 3 v Hackney Downs W 7:0	
Round 3 v Furzedown W 3:2			Semi Final v Burlington Danes W 4:0	
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13. "The Champions" - and Graham Hudson

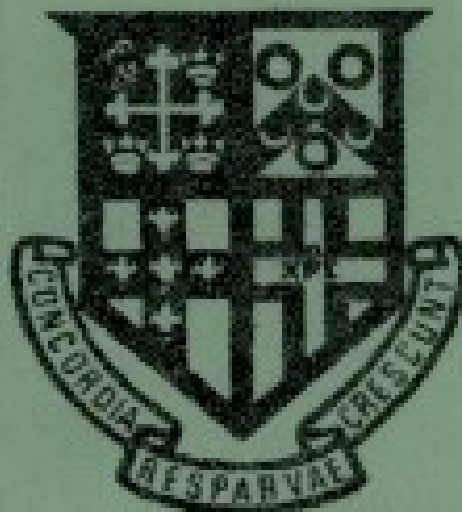


14. Happy, happy, Staff and Boys ...and beers...



CLAPHAM COLLEGE

(Catholic Boys' Secondary)



SIXTH YEAR PRIZE GIVING

Thursday 24th November 1983
at 7-30

Prizes distributed by

REV. FR. JOHN BROOKES C.S.S.R.

(sixth year chaplain)

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Application to Study.

Richard Ah Soo Leen. (6Bn)

Contribution to the Life of the School.

David Chircop. (6Ft)

Headmaster's Prize.

Sharon Cullinane. (6Wr)

Brother Peter Arts Prize.

Michael Lai Choo Kan. (6Rv)

Brother Joseph Sports Prize.

Francis Crean. (6Rs)

Brother Dunstan Science Prize.

Paul Pini. (6Wr)

Special thanks to: All 6th. formers who helped with this evening's arrangements.

Mrs C. Dawson, who did some of the cooking.

Mr Brady and Colin Smith (6Bn) who helped with the lighting and sound system in the hall.

Mrs Conway who decorated the hall.

17. Destinations of Leavers 1983

STUDENTS STARTING FIRST DEGREE COURSES 1983.

R. Bazzani	Mechanical Engineering	Surrey
J. Cronin (deferred acceptance)	History	Durham
S. Donegan	Art	Camberwell Coll.
A. Ebrahim	Law	Middlesex Poly.
P. Meggyesi	Economics/Business Studies	Hull
M. McGrath	Politics/Parliamentary Procedures	Hull
G. Noone	Accountancy	Leeds
M. Noulton	Social Sciences	Polytechnic of South Bank.
A. Nwosu	Chemical Engineering	North East London Poly.
M. O'Sullivan	Chemical Engineering	Surrey
C. Philip	History/Sociology	St. Marys Coll.
J. Raftery	History/Movement Stds.	St. Marys Coll.
J. Remedios	Biology/Movement Stds.	St. Marys Coll.
P. Ryan	Law	Kent
D. Sanders (deferred acceptance)	European History	Exeter
P. Stapleton	Biology/Movement Stds.	St. Marys Coll.

Some "famous" leavers in 1983, many who never joined the Old Boys. The destinations are interesting too, with many local Colleges and Polytechnics, [remember those?].

New types of courses on offer too, away from the old "classics". Nice to see the University of Hull is still a well-worn Clapham degree-route. ...and the brilliant, tragic, **Martin McGrath** who taught at Clapham, then emigrated.

18. 1983 more Exam successes

SUBJECT ADDITIONS TO PREVIOUS CERTIFICATES

R. AH SOO LEEN. 1A

M. CASSIDY

M. DIVER

N. FOLEY

P. LYNCH

J. MOSPAN

F. O'TOOLE

C. SMITH

A. CRONIN

F. PETROZZI

G. BUCKLEY

M. DEASY

P. McCANN

E. ONYSKIEW. 1A

A. RUIZ-TIZAN

A. SANDERS

M. BELLINI

P. COMERFORD

I. DIAZ. 1A.

J. INGRASCI

T. ODELUGA

M. SHEAHAN

A. CORDANI

A. DE MATOS

C. KIESZKIEWICZ

P. PINI

G. POWER

I. RODRIGUEZ

E. VERNAZZA

M. VERNASCHI

P. BLANAT

A. DINATALE

C. ELEFTHERIOU

P. LATTIMORE

G. MCGOWAN

H. MOTIRAM

M. ROWE

J. SOOKPRECHAR

R. MILTON

E. ASUNADU

D. CHIRCOP

A. GRALTON

C. ONYIUKAH

M. PRESCOTT

J. RYAN

B. PHILBROOKS

J. CALLAGHAN

P. CRAWFORD

G. IESINI

M. LAI CHOO KAN

D. O'TOOLE

R. TEUMA

S. CULLINANE

B. HAUGH

A. KINREAD

G. PORILO

A. RATNAM

F. SLATTERY

A. HAYES

R. LILLY

C.S.E. AND 'O' LEVEL

J. AGBUEZE (7) 2'O'

P. BYRNE (8)

M. CALDART (7)

G. CLANCY (8) 1'O'

M. FARESE (5)

A. HOGAN (6)

J. O'SHEA (6)

R. ROBERTSON (4) 1'C'

C. DALY (7)

M. AZU (7)

C. CALCASOLA (5)

A. CHARLES (6)

M. EATON (3)

O. GIDDINGS (7)

I. LINDSELL (5)

J. OSIEH (5)

J. SHORT (3)

P. ATTRIDGE (9) 7 'O'

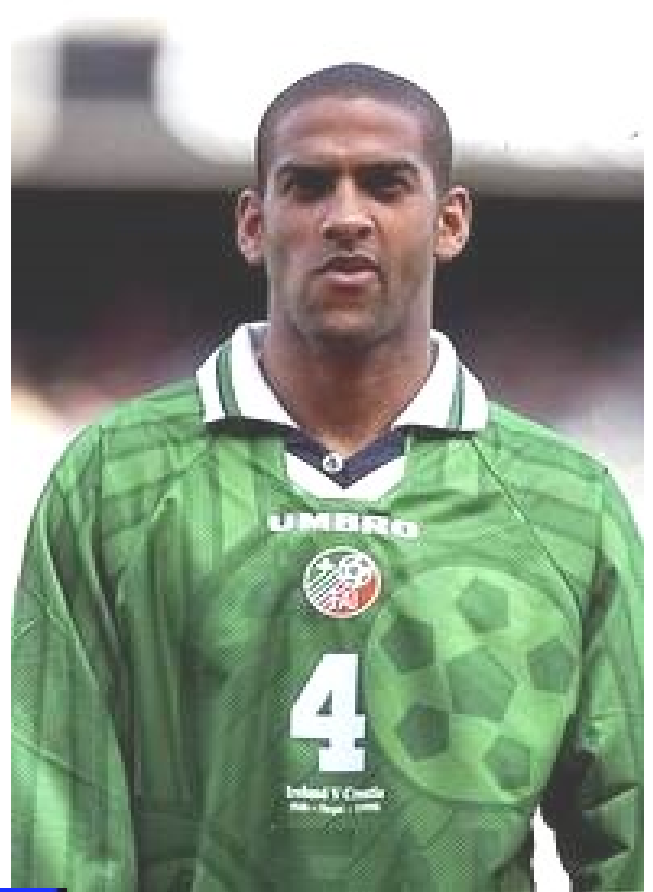
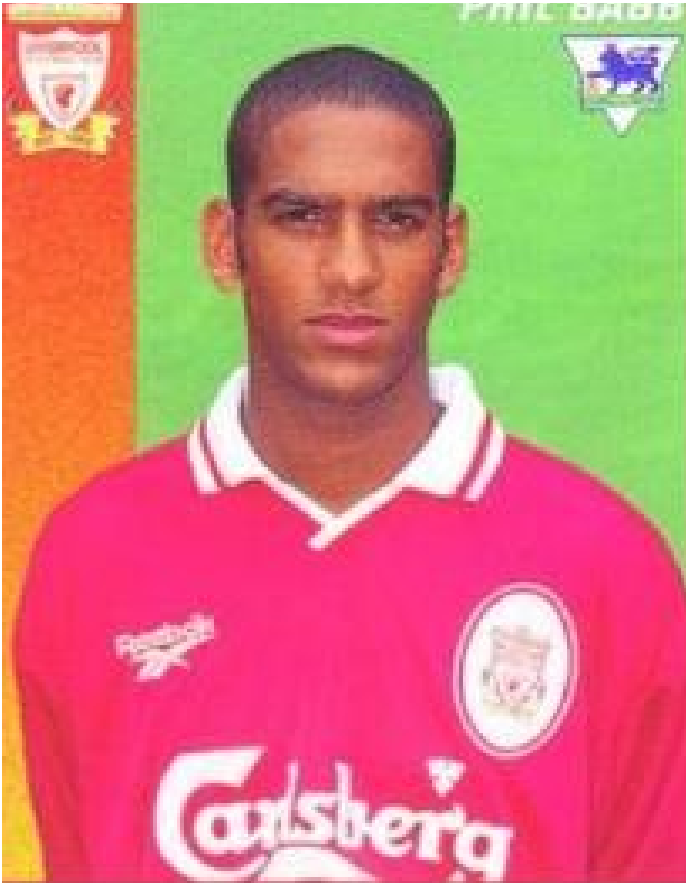
19. 1983 - 6th Form individual prize-winners.

SUBJECT PRIZES.

Art	Sandro Borg (6Cw)
Biology	Jeanie De Silva (6Wr)
British Govt.& Politics	Mark Deasy (6Pt)
Chemistry	Gerald Power (6Wr)
Computer Science	Andrew Cordani (6Wr)
Design & Technology	Tomasz Marszewski (6Cw)
Economics	M. Lai Choo Kan (6Rv)
English Literature	Michael Cassidy (6Bn)
Geography	Andrew Sanders (6Pt)
History	Maurice Diver (6Bn)
Mathematics	Philip Lettinore (6Bn)
Modern Languages	Narco Gardin (6Cw)
Music	Gregory Porilo (6Wr)
"	Anthony Brady (6Ra)
"	Paul Lynch (6Bn)
Physics	Elia Vernazza (6Wr)
P.E. and Games	Peter Crawford (6Rv)
R.E.	Nicholas Foley (6Bn)
Sociology	Colin Smith (6Bn)

Some simple observations, how many awards did the different generations of “**Sanders**” collect at **Prize Days**? Nice to see another prize for a Polish boy at Clapham [well done **Tomaz**] , “**Elia and Jeanie**” collected prizes, a “seismic change” for Clapham; and finally I get the significance of the “**6**”, but **6Wr**, **6Cw**, **6Bn**..surely not Catholic pilgrim sites [teacher’s initials maybe?].....

20. Phil Babb - Irish & Liverpool footballer was at the new school



At one point the most expensive defender in Britain when he moved from Coventry City to Liverpool for £3.6 millions, Phil Babb retired from playing in 2004 after two years playing at Sunderland. Making over 370 appearances which included six seasons at Anfield, Babb was one of a number of Liverpool players labelled as the 'Spice Boys' by the media who used the term to highlight the players who were perceived to focus on partying and fame rather than their football. He was contracted to do many modelling and advertising photo-shoots due to his sporting fame.

Other 'Spice Boys' at the club included David James who started modelling for Armani, Jason McAteer who appeared in adverts for Head and Shoulders shampoo and Jamie Redknapp who modelled for Burton menswear. Away from domestic football, Babb represented the Republic of Ireland on 35 occasions between 1994 and 2002 and was part of the team that famously defeated Italy-2004 World Cup.

21. More on Phil Babb's career with Liverpool and Ireland

Upon retiring from playing, Phil kept a pretty low profile but he did invest in "Golf Punk" magazine saving it from closure. In 2013 he was appointed manager of non-league Hayes & Yeading but left the club by mutual consent in Feb 2015 leaving his team just above relegation. Babb is now a regular guest and contributor on Sky Sports as well as providing punditry for games featuring Ireland. He is also a guest on Liverpool FC's in-house TV. Away from his punditry work he is a partner of a company called BetStatz which helps

Phil was born in Lambeth, London and was a pupil at Clapham College in the mid-1980s. Babb came through the youth ranks of Millwall, before beginning his senior career in 1990 with Bradford City. He moved to Coventry City in July 1992 for a fee of £500,000, where he spent two seasons before moving to Liverpool on 1 September 1994 for £3.6million, which made him the most expensive defender in Britain at the time. Phil Babb only scored once during six Premier League years and 170 appearances in all competitions for Liverpool, incidentally against his former club, Coventry, in September 1996. Whilst at Liverpool he played in the victorious 1995 Football League Cup Final. In January 2000 he joined Tranmere Rovers on a month's loan and helped them reach the 2000 Football League Cup Final, however his loan spell ended before the final itself and he was unable to take part. He moved to Portugal with Sporting Clube de Portugal on a free transfer in 2000, appearing in 38 official games in his second season – one goal against FC Midtjylland in the UEFA Cup (3–0 away win, 6–2 on aggregate) as the Lions conquered both the league and the domestic cup. Babb ended his career at the age of 33 with Sunderland (also two years) suffering top level relegation in 2003, and helping the Black Cats to a Football League Championship play-off semi-final.



Having chosen to represent the Republic of Ireland internationally, Phil earned 35 full caps, including four matches at the 1994 FIFA World Cup. In August 2000, he and Ireland teammate Mark Kennedy were sent home from a training camp "after appearing in court for some off-field antics.

Phil's final game for Ireland was in UEFA Euro 2004 qualifying against Russia in Moscow, on 7 September 2002: having come into the game in the 85th minute, his first touch of the ball was diverted behind Irish goalkeeper Shay Given for an own goal.

22. Cup Success 1983 - awards night at the League Dinner



1982 Clapham win five leaguer trophies and six teams gain promotion. In terms of success across the Club, the best year ever, the most wins the most goals, the best atmosphere. Every Saturday brought successes



23. Early 1980s...Changes at Norbury

AT THE CLUB

At the Committee Meeting on 31.3.81. plans were presented for major changes at Norbury this summer. The main proposal is for the bar/clubhouse to be resited in the larger dressing room in the pavillion. The smaller dressing room will be partitioned into two. Cooking facilities will be extended and a general redecoration carried out. The changes should bring several benefits. The clubhouse will be bigger and more comfortable. It is envisaged that more functions will take place at Norbury (and in less spartan surroundings) as a direct result. Also the Football Section, hopefully Premier Division members next season, will be able to offer visitors more hospitality than at present.

It was agreed that the plan should go ahead with careful control over the money involved. Rest assured Clapper will keep you informed of progress.

24. The COXA Charity Pub Crawl around Clapham

SATURDAY 28th MARCH

The day of the much awaited OLD BOYS PUB CRAWL had finally arrived.

1.30. Participants arrive at Balham for the secondary events of the day. Various questions were exchanged at the Greasy Burger such as 'You going tonight John?' followed by derisory remarks if anyone happened to be going to such trivial things as weddings, funerals etc.

3.00. Time to work a thirst up.

4.35. Mission accomplished.

5.30. Sales of orange and lemonade rocket by 1000%. Gasps as MICK BRIEN orders a light and bitter.

6.30. To the starting gate where a few rank outsiders assemble muttering quotes like 'I've had four pints of milk and a spaghetti bolognaise, so I'll be alright'.

6.50. The off. Various cars and taxis ferry the eager entrants to the first venue.

7.01. The Spreadingeagle. At this point the talk was mainly of the days games and how small half pint glasses are. From here on small bands of Old Boys would dart from pub to pub with very little excitement apart from DAVE MURTAGH announcing his engagement to the lovely CAROLINE. Then came The Signal with its charming cobwebs and two lovely ladies with quaint tattoos on their arms. Mick Brien got quite upset at this point seeing a girl drink a pint of Guinness quicker than him.

8.00. The turning point for most people, The Goathouse. Many people could not resist the lure of a pint of Fullers. This was also where 'BEN' BENEDICT and ALAN WEBBER appeared on the scene apparently driving the course. Voices were now becoming louder and a few strains of some old Clapham favourites were being rendered. At the next stop, The Ship we encountered two old boys from times gone by MICKY REAPE and PHIL BARRINGTON-MOBBS and with the aid

25. The COXA Pub Crawl..continued

of another half, nostalgia filled the air. The Albion, Jolly Sailor and the Alliance went by quickly till we reached another landmark on the crawl, The Cherry Trees. Here Clapham hired it's first bus (the top half anyway): with the help of £4 from TOM McLOUGHLIN we reserved the top deck for Clapham people only to transport us to The Beulah Spa. MICK POWELL encountered his first hurdle of the night here, as the bus was due to leave at 10.07 and Mick arrived at 10.06.

Ian Paisley impressions and songs of Clapham's drinking habits loudly filled the upper deck.

10.12. The bus pulled up on a zebra crossing outside the Spa and we waved goodbye to our much kissed conductress while others sang "For they are jolly good fellas". The Spa turned out to be the most unfriendly pub, so a quick retreat to the Rising Sun was on the agenda. From here accounts differ and memories are blurred. The Rising Sun was packed and quickly became more so, but as time was of the essence a race to the Reform Tavern was needed to beat the clock.

It was at this point that the star of the show Mick Brien aquired a walking stick with which he administered a friendly tap to the head of anyone wishing to borrow it. Someone then played Mein Host and invited a few friendly Irishmen back to the Clubhouse, but they were no bother at all.

11.10. The Clubhouse, Chaos.

Etiquette went out the window as hands grabbed for sausages, rolls, quiche, sandwiches and salad lovingly prepared by LYNNE McLOUGHLIN and VIV McKENNA. That man Mick decided to test his head against a beer barrel and lost. SEAMUS BURKE inspected the cricket nets and woke up half an hour later. Mick Powell decided a walk to Balham would be fun and PAT BURKE retired to the back of his car for the night, and I don't remember anymore !

'HISTORY' IN THE MAKING.

It was a snowy Sunday in February when Clapham's MOST SUCCESSFUL FOOTBALL TEAM met for the game where they earned this title. Yes, I am talking about Clapham Old Xaverian's veterans XI, totally undefeated in all their games ONE !! The unfortunate opposition were Old Vaughnians Veterans.

They were completely bewildered right from the start by our unusual line-up of 1:9:1, the team being -

Alan Webber.

C.Garvey.		M.Powell.
	M.Power.	A.Fulker.
A.Coletta.	H.Pinsent.	J.McGuire.
J.Newman.	C.Smith.	F.Hixson.

No Sub.

(we couldn't find any more invalids). I have to admit we played one non - old boy... 'the oldest ringer in town' John Newman. This was because Peter Brown was injured on the previous Saturday afternoon, (I think a spoke came out of his wheelchair).

We played brilliant, flowing football. Don Mulvihill (chief football hooligan) said they didn't need 'Instant Replays' because everything was done in slow-motion anyway. The final score being 6-3 (yes football, not tennis), our goals coming from - Chris Smith 2, Frank Hixson 2, Aidan Coletta 1, John McGuire 1. The AFA referee was obviously biased - thanks Tony Cleather.

I would like to thank the capacity crowd that turned up, the players (or is it 'stayers') and the opposition who all made it another enjoyable event in the Clapham Diary.

A.W.

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27. 1980s .."Goal of the Year Competition...

Article written for Clapper in 1982 by David [now Chairman] Leathem, about the goal he [himself] scored

THE GOAL OF THE YEAR

CLAPHAM 1 OLD MEADONIANS 0

February had been a cold bleak month up until this the last day. The sun beat strongly on the backs of the athletes in green and blue.

Deadlock. Nil-Nil and we need the points.

Suddenly out of nothing a chance appears and E. TAGGART is barged from the ball inside the area by a neanderthal Old Meadonian. He has come to learn that life in the sixth eleven is not all roses. The near-moron ref awards an indirect free kick.

The stage is set; the serried ranks of imbecilic defenders form 8 yards from the ball and refuse to budge. The keeper, in all black, shifts his weight from foot to foot to foot; (odd shorts he's wearing.) Taggart positions himself wide of the wall and the ball is destined for him. But wait. He's been spotted and marked out of the move.

NICK POWER looks perplexed. Then up steps the MAD ONE; fifteen minutes in the sixth eleven and looking completely at home.

'I'll tap it to you and you score' says Power with commendable cool.

'O.K.' says the Mad One. He sizes up the situation in a flash and picks his spot. It bleeds profusely.

Now the ball is moving and Power has indeed laid on one of his famous, accurate two foot passes. The striker's boot alights upon it with all the expertise expected of a CHRIS TAYLOR protege and the ball begins its journey skywards past, over and above the despairing gazes of the defenders in the wall, reaching a critical height above the six yard box and dipping deceptively beyond the lunging grasp of the beaten keeper before coming to rest, without a bounce, in the corner of the net.

LEATHEN turned to milk the applause he so richly deserved and muttered 'That'll do nicely' no doubt pondering on the fact that he had maintained his now surely unassailable record of one goal every season.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL.

A funny thing happened during the College 1st XI's most successful season ever. They lost a game ! regretfully it was the final of the Palmer Trophy (Inner London Schools) and the College lost 1-0 at the Den, Millwall.

Their full playing record is -

Played 24. Won 20. Drawn 3. Lost 1.

Goals for 33. Goals Against 27.

Apart from reaching the final of the Palmer Trophy the team will also meet Archbishop Tenison's, (the winners of the Palmer) in the Tomsons Cup - (South London).

They are also in the quarter - finale of the London Catholic Cup where they will meet Finchley Grammar School. Surely their most important achievement though, is to reach the final of the all-England Schools Trophy. They will play St. Cathbert's School (Newcastle) having beaten Harrow Field 2-0 in the semi-final and Palmers School (Grays, Essex) 4-0 in the quarter finale.

The success of the team is inevitably a result of team work and the unselfish attitude of every member, in fact a squad of fifteen has been involved. However, some individual players have achieved a great deal. Goalkeeper Dave Mackey is well-known to Old Boy footballers as he is a regular in the COGS 2nd XI and played in the cup final against South Bank Fair. He has also played in an Old Boys League B. representative side. Finally he has been selected for the British Catholic Schools squad to tour Malta at Easter.

Bob Petroski (14 goals) has played for Inner London and is now in the English Schools squad to play 3 games. He is actually selected to play against Wales.

Brendan Castello (17 goals) has played for Inner London and is Vice-Captain.

Chinzie Anyways plays for Chelsea as a Junior (S.E. Counties League) and has possibly the longest throw I have ever seen.

All the forwards have been scoring regularly. Chris Heath in his first year at Clapham has played for Inner London and has scored 13 goals. While Captain Tony Staines has scored 16 and Ray Gibbs is top scorer with 22.

The centre-backs Steve Curtis and Steve O'Neill have impressed everyone who has seen them. The right-back position has been shared between John Glynn and Julian Benedict both intelligent cultured players. Regular left-back is Tony McFarham a natural left-sided player with a drive and enthusiasm which has often raised the whole team.

Mike Casack deserves a special mention, a very talented player who has frequently been substitute, but always contributes a great deal and has scored some vital goals.

Hopefully by the end of the season with three or four cup-finals to be played at least one cup will have been won (could it be the English Schools?) A challenge has already been received from the current holders Kaverian College, Manchester (who were eliminated in the semi-finals). The team would of course like to challenge the Old Boys 1st XI to a game. It would be pleasant if this was to be their last game since seven of the squad are then likely to leave the College. Still hopefully some of them will be seen next year in COGS colours.

At the time of going to press the venue and date of the English Schools Trophy final is unknown, though we are hopeful that it may be at Crystal Palace.

An end of season report will appear in a future edition of CLAPPER.

Graham Jackson.

SPORTS

Twenty-five tired but happy players returned yesterday from Clapham's Easter Football Tour of Great Brezenth. Results were 1 win, 1 draw and 1 defeat. A full report will appear in Clapper 9.

The First Eleven clinched promotion to the Premier Division after defeating Old Paludians 6-0 on 11th April 1961. Congratulations to all involved. Now for the title.

The Second Eleven, unfortunately, lost 2-0 to South Bank Poly Reserves in the final of the A.F.S. Surrey Intermediate Cup played at Nat West Park Ground, Woking on 21st March 1961. Commiserations Chas and the team, it was a great achievement getting there.

COXA DINNER AND DANCE

POLISH WHITE EAGLE CLUB "211" CLUB

January 28th 1983



TICKETS: →

£10

30. 1983 Football Reports from Clapper

FOOTBALL

SCOTTY WRITES: This is developing into one of the Club's most successful seasons: five of the six league sides are still in the L.O.B. cups and all of these sides are in the top half of their divisions. 7th and 8th XIs have been fielded this year and have already played a dozen friendlies.

In total by January 1 the Club had played 74 matches. Of these 47 were won, 8 were drawn and 19 were lost. 235 goals were scored, 134 were conceded. The 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th XIs have each recorded seven wins from ten matches. The highest goalscorers are the 7th XI: the 4th and 5th XIs are close behind with 41 goals each (Why aren't we told how many the 7th XI have scored?) The defences with the best records are the 1st and 3rd XIs who have conceded an average of one goal per game.

THE RESPECTIVE CAPTAINS' (MOSTLY) COMMENTS ON THE SEASON SO FAR ARE:-

1st XI: After the disappointment of relegation from the Premier Division last season, the side has made a determined start (under Dave Murtagh). Bad weather has meant that a number of Saturdays have been lost: but the side is still handily placed in Senior One division. I believe we can make a strong bid for promotion and we are already in the quarter-final of the L.O.B. Cup. A number of new faces have come onto the 1st XI scene and prospects are even more healthy because of the many 2nd XI players bidding for a place in the senior side. It is arguably the strongest 1st XI in recent memory and events bode well for 1983.

31. Football Reports III from 1983

2nd XI Kevin McKenna has led the 2nd XI to an enterprising start to the season. The promise shown by 2nd XI players which has led to their promotion has been a mixed blessing for the reserves. Absence of a settled side resulted in some inconsistency; but this has now been largely overcome. The high point of the season was certainly a 3-2 victory after extra time away to Aloysians reserves; the opposition had been previously unbeaten.

3rd XI So far this season the 3rd XI have only dropped one point in the league and have progressed through three rounds of the L.O.B. (Junior) Cup. This puts us in a good position (writes John Mansi) to challenge for both trophies. The team's strength has been at the back where Col. Garvey and Paul Tehan have built a fine understanding. In midfield Johnny Ryan and Mick Galtry have given the team flair; up front both Colin Brown and Jimmy Burke are showing the sort of ability which augures well for the future of the Club.

4th XI Targets: first, promotions second, cup winning. Despite the much-needed success for the higher teams, it is important to the Club in general (says Mick Power) for the side to gain a promotion spot. By doing so a possible promotion place will be released for the 5th and 6th XIs; thus enabling the 7th and, who knows, perhaps the 8th XI to take part in next year's league and Cup competitions. Highlights of the season so far are the consistent performances of Roy Hartnett, Harry Hickland and Dickie O'Flynn. The back-up provided by youngsters Peter Stapleton and Bren Walsh (Frank Barretta please note) together with Chris Megoran's successful return to the game bodes well for the New Year. However a word of warning: success is achieved when based on hard work off the field (i.e. TRAINING at least every Tuesday night at the College) as well as on it. 90 minutes are more easily sustained through these demanding sessions and ultimately the benefits will be reaped at the end of the season, and perhaps also by selection for a higher XI.

5th XI The 5th XI are handily placed near the top of their Division and are through to the next round of the L.O.B. (Novets) Cup (under Neil Keoh). Ben Benedict (Who?) is top scorer with eleven goals while Mick McLoughlin and Eamonn Kearns have had outstanding games in recent weeks and the best result was a 1-0 away win over previously undefeated Glyn Old Boys' (Tom Puchell converting).

6th XI The 6th XI (led by Eric Tope -from behind) has been playing well this season with a great deal of support from 7th XI reserves. The more 'experienced' players are doing well with Ernie, Graham Hudson, Damien Fox and Kev Curtin "playing some of the best football of their careers!" A 9-1 win over Enfield in the Cup was the most impressive win, while a 3-2 victory against Sidcup's 11s, after being 2-0 down, was possibly the best result.

7th XI October '82 saw the birth of the 7th XI (writes its captain, Frank Jordan) After a slightly shaky start, namely the goalkeeper pulling a muscle with his first kick and the team having to play with ten men and a novice keeper, the side have gone from strength to strength. This is not entirely undue to the greatly appreciated support of the increased number of schoolboys playing for Clapham. The current string of convincing victories bears this out.

8th XI Henry Pirsent tells me that he probably plays (nay, captains) the 8th XI because he has a car and can provide transport. There is a good balance of age and experience, although the older members of the side have tended to get most of the goals (Jim Harrington and Matthew de Souza received special mention). Two wins, one draw and a defeat see the four results to date but it has been pleasing that the games were all closely fought. Surprisingly, the side has managed to keep eight players the same each week.

COXA F.C. EASTER TOUR 1983 or "Go West Young Man"

Arrangements have been made for this year's football tour to Weymouth in Dorset from Thursday 31st March or Friday 1st April to Monday 4th April 1983.

Tourists will have to be of Voting age and capable of consuming large portions of alcohol over a four day period. It would be an advantage if they could remember to pack a pair of boots and bring along enough capital to cover the odd round of drinks.

Fixtures As yet we do not have the exact details of the sides we will play, but there will be two sides selected for Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning fixtures against sides in the local Weymouth League.

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EDITORIAL

In the last issue of "CLAPPER" Vic Roazkowski appealed for someone to come forward and edit future CLAPPERS. Under the influence of several Guinesses I accepted the job. I would like to thank Vic on behalf of all COXA members for doing such a good job over past years.

This issue adds further proof that COXA is not just a football club. There is always another social event on the horizon (see "The COXA Year" page 3), and at the moment the club has got Marathon fever, (or is it a case of the runs?)

As always "CLAPPER" looks to all COXA members for articles and this issue sees some new blood emerging. Everyone is invited to contribute, so all you budding columnists get writing for "CLAPPER SUMMER 1983"!

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

At last year's A.G.M. the committee received several and justified complaints concerning the failure to communicate adequately with the Associations' members and whilst it was initially the intention to produce "Clapper" at least 4 times a year other pressures on the editorial team resulted in a gradual decline in output. However, as this copy is the third "Clapper" in less than six months, I am hoping that our problems are now over - meanwhile, my thanks to Wilson and Scotty for their tremendous efforts to pick up the momentum again and also to the current production team under John Leather's leadership.

As most of you know, subject to a last minute reprieve, Clapham College will soon cease to be a secondary school - the building will be occupied as a sixth form college serving the educational needs of the 16+ age group (Boys and girls) from the Lambeth and Wandsworth areas. I assume that this change will in due course affect the Association but at present we are continuing to maintain our links with the school, particularly on the sporting front where the increase this season in the number of Old Boys football teams from 6 to 8 has enabled us to encourage boys from the school to play on Saturday afternoons. I believe that we have some 12 boys (hardly the right word) being regularly selected.

Staying with football, my congratulations to the 3 sides (2nd's, 3rd's and 5th's) who have reached their respective Cup Finals - no doubt a few merry nights at Norbury to come!

The annual dinner was held this year in January at the "211 Club", Balham and apart from the food and music all those attending seemed to enjoy themselves (the memory becomes somewhat blurred from approx. 10 p.m. onwards) including one Frank Edgley Frank who? you may well ask, but after losing touch with the Association just before the war (1939) Frank recently contacted the school and having paid a sub is a member once again - Are there any of Frank's

33. The Great Man" - another Football Disco at Clapham College

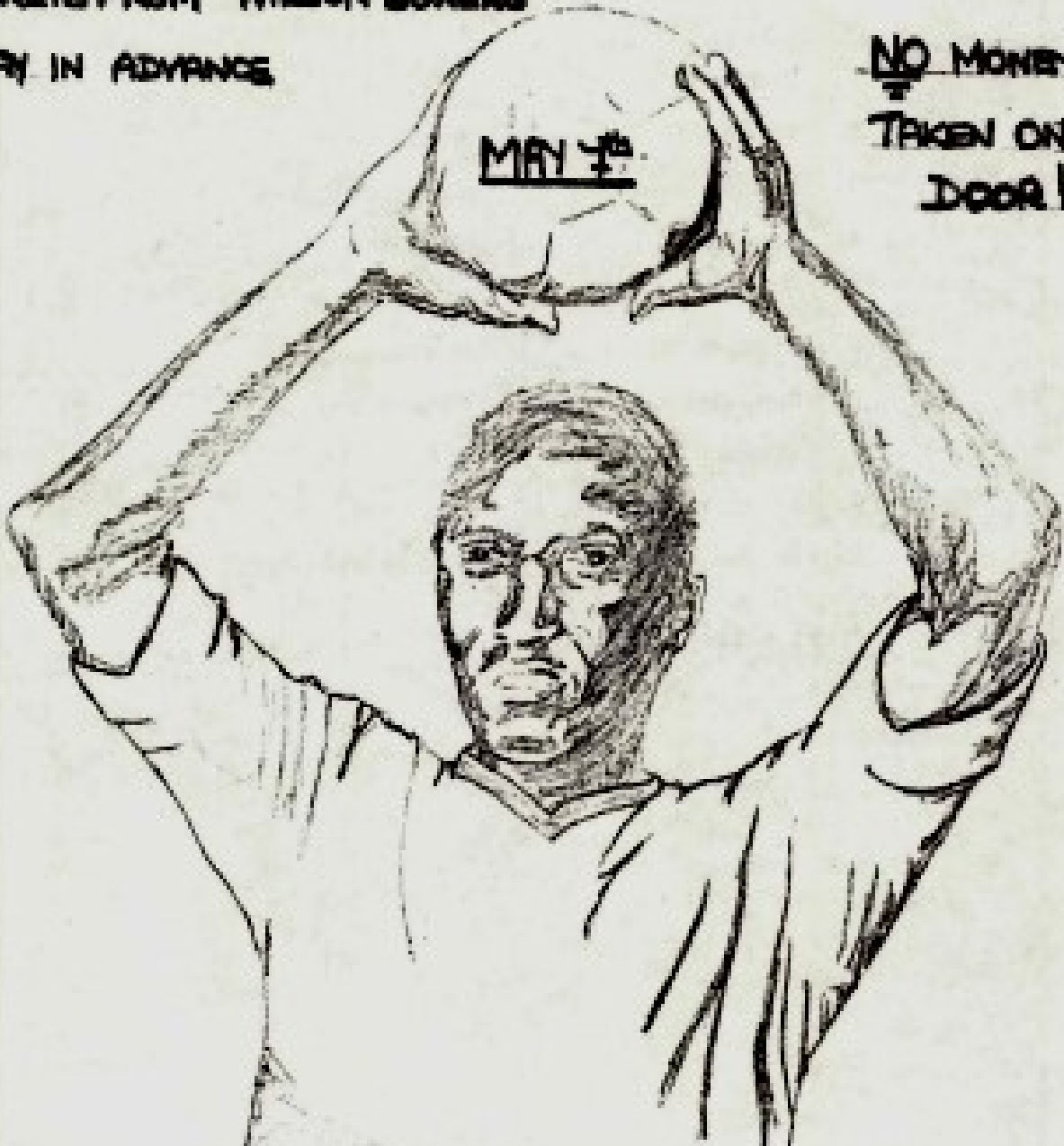
COXA FOOTBALL DINNER/DISCO
AT THE COLLEGE

TICKETS £6 EACH (INCLUDES FOOD, WINE, LIVE BAND,
+ DISCO)

TICKETS FROM WILSON BOWERS

● PAY IN ADVANCE

~~NO~~ MONEY
TAKEN ON THE
DOOR!!



34. Another page from the @83 Clapper - includes "School Football"

MASOCHISM ON TUESDAY

Having now taken training for a few months, I can report that it is not getting any easier.

The training now starts at 6.15 p.m. From 6.15 - 7.00 p.m. you can play 4-a-side or whatever you please, e.g. Dave Leathen chooses to read (conserving energy), Alan Webber eats pie and chips (fortifying himself for training). At 7.00 we all loosen up in preparation for the run. This is now about 2½ miles. The most surprising aspect about the run is the winner. Usually it is a player from one of the lower XIs and most notably of late Matthew Murtash, clocking 14 mins 15 secs of the fastest times so far.

Lately, certain players have been teaming up and the pair that gives me great satisfaction is "Old Man Powell" and John "Bite Yer Legs" McNicholas. Though no 4-minute milers, they are setting targets and beating them. A great example for younger members in the club to follow.

Having recovered from the run, we start a 45 minute training session. Players attending produce a great deal of sweat, but I'm sure they are grateful on Saturdays.

Finally, just a short note to those who are approaching Cup Finals and Promotion/Relegation battles. If you have not been training yet, think about it. An extra 30 minutes in a Cup Final or the last few minutes in a league game are often the most important and you may wish that you had trained and been fit enough to stand the pace.

RAY MURPHY

SCHOOL FOOTBALL REPORT

The current school 1st XI is quite young, with the 5th year providing 6 players, including goalkeeper and 3 of the back-four. With the Upper 6th providing Franco Petrovic at centre-back, the captain, Sean Beatty, in mid-field and Chris Heath (currently with Dulwich Hamlet) up front. This blend of young and "old" has ensured a successful and very enjoyable season. Old Boys will also recognise the names Hartnett, Crean and Beresford currently in the school 1st XI squad.

The 1st XI have gone out of 2 cup competitions. A 3-1 semi-final defeat at the hands (feet) of St Paul's in the Palmer Cup; and a 2-1 quarter-final defeat to Emerson Park in the Elden Trophy (Greater London).

However, a fine 5-1 win over Kingsdale ensured a final place in the Tenison Trophy. With a quarter-final place in the London Catholic Cup the 1st XI have plenty to play for.

The school 2nd XI is also doing well and are unbeaten this season. More importantly they have provided several players for the Old Boys. So far 17 schoolboys have played for COXA this season, some progressing as far as the 4th XI.

When oppositions can be found a 3rd XI fielded with ample reserves.

All in all, senior football at Clapham College is in a fairly healthy state - auguring well for the future of COXA football.

GRAHAM HUDSON

IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL COXA MEMBERS

If you are about to or have recently changed your address, let Ted Hayter or another committee member know your new address - how else can we send you CLAPPER? Should any member know of a colleague who is not receiving COXA mail because he recently moved, similarly, let us know.

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CECIL POCOCC

It was way back in 1951 that Cecil Pocock began his career at Clapham College and after 32 years of dedicated service Cecil officially retired on the 22nd July 1983 although I understand that he will be returning on part time basis to teach law.

Unfortunately news of Cecil's retirement was received just after the last edition of "CLAPPER" was released but we did subsequently notify members of our special reception and presentation evening which was held at the college on 2nd July. What an evening (and morning!!) we had with over 170 people present. It was marvellous to see so many 'old' faces once again particularly those who travelled many miles to be there, including - Bernard Plummer from Huntingdon, Willy McGrath - Rochdale, Brian McDermott - Sheffield, Terry (C.A.S.) Cain - Shropshire, Tony Morrish - Bedford, John Bunce and Mick Gowen - Hoking and believe it or not especially for the evening Mick Turvey from the United States. As previously mentioned Cecil joined the College in 1951 and just 4 years later was appointed Head of the History Dept. - a position he held until 1970 when on the departure of the Brothers Cecil became Headmaster. Since 1975 he has been the Deputy Head of the amalgamated Clapham College. Although I have covered Cecil's career in just fifty words it would take several thousands to adequately describe the impact he has had on all the pupils attending the college since 1951; but perhaps it was during the days before becoming Headmaster and thus being much involved with administration rather than teaching that Cecil's unlimited energy and enthusiasm were more evident. I for one will always remember how Cecil made every History lesson so interesting and informative and whilst the academic side was obviously of great importance Cecil did not just confine his time to this.

In fact very little went on at the College where Cecil was not totally involved; as a football referee, cricket umpire and sports day official; on school visits including Paris at Easter, camping at Foxhunt and Hayfield; the school play, music productions and carol concerts; and as you know Cecil has always been a most loyal supporter of the Association regularly attending our functions and the annual mass.

Coming back to the reception on the 2nd July - we had pleasure in presenting Cecil with a collection of Royal Doulton crystal comprising sets of tumblers, sherry, wine and liquor glasses and a decanter. The presentation followed speeches from Tony Morrish and Brian Saunders (reasonably formal) and with less formality 'Scotty' McDonald and Colin Garvey - Colin's reference to the immortal OGY400 as "Man and machine in perfect harmony" and to Cecil considering Norman Tebbit as being "dangerously left" were memorable. The speeches were followed by a short skit from "Ernie" Larkin and friends indicating that Cecil was perhaps the most famous person in the world - Great stuff Ernie.

The evening for obvious reasons turned into the best reunion I can recall and perhaps will lead to similar get togethers in the future. As a result we were able to increase our 'paying' membership and also obtain a number of 'lost' addresses. For the record I would like to mention a few of the people not normally seen at an Old Boys' function:- John Boyd, John Bouchard, Kevin Barnwell, Aiden & John Colletta, Kevin Carroll, Lynne Carpenter, Dave Donnelly, Tom Duffy, John Freddi, Lorcan Farrelly, John Gilhooly, Tony Gray, Paul Gilmore, Michael Gibbons, Peter Hughes, Mike Hodges (now home from the Far East), Douglas Hadida, Adrian Jordan, Ian Block, Brendan Kearns, Peter Keenan,

NOTICE OF EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The Membership Issue

Eric Tope - Hon. Sec.

The present 1st year at Clapham is only 40 strong and from September 1985 there will be no further intake. In September 1986 these will be 3rd, 4th and 5th years only, in September 1987 4th and 5th years only.

It appears then that Clapham College will not exist after the next three years or so.

From September 1985 a new system of Catholic Education for boys and girls will exist in Wandsworth, Lambeth and Southwark. On leaving Junior School at 11 children will attend one of eight new 11-16 schools, namely: Salesians, Battersea and St. Thomas the Apostle, Nunhead (Boys); La Retsoite and Notre Dame Southwark (Girls); Bishop Thomas Grant, Sacred Heart Camberwell, St. Michael's Bermondsey and the new John Paul II at Wimbledon Common (mixed).

All pupils at these 8 schools will then have the right to attend the new St. Francis Xavier Sixth Form College, if they should wish, at the age of 16; No schools will retain Sixth Forms of their own. This means that if the Association is to continue to exist and even flourish in the future the source of its membership is our new Catholic System of Education in South London. Times are obviously changing and changing rapidly, COXA has to react positively to adapt to these changes. If the opportunity is grasped the Association can look forward to exciting, challenging times ahead; if not, the opportunity will be lost and the future of COXA look at best difficult, at worst short term.

With these thoughts in mind the COXA Committee are proposing the following changes to the conditions of membership:

1. Membership open to all past pupils, staff and ex-staff of Clapham College, St. Francis Xavier College and its eight feeder schools. Staff must elect to become FULL members (if they wish) and not hold honorary status.
2. Membership open to wives, husbands, sons and daughters of Full Members.

There will be an opportunity to discuss and vote on these proposals at an Extra Ordinary General Meeting to be held at Norbury on Friday 21st June at 8.00 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

1984/85 The Annual Old Boys Remembrance Mass

THE ANNUAL OLD BOYS' MASS

In many ways the most important event in the Old Boys' calendar is the Annual Mass for deceased Old Xaverians. Thus, it was fitting that this year's Mass in the College chapel was attended by as big a crowd as the committee could remember for many a year.

The celebrant was Father Nicholas Morrish, who, though not an Old Xaverian himself, is the son of Tony, a past chairman, and is also at present chaplain to the fifth year at the College. Before Mass we observed the traditional two minutes silence, then Fr. Morrish asked us to remember those who had died in two world wars, all deceased Xaverian brothers, past teachers and past pupils. He mentioned in particular Edward Asumadu, who died recently. Brian Sanders served the Mass and Cecil Pocock did the readings.

After Mass, Mr. Gleason, the headmaster of the College, led us into the library for coffee, which was very welcome but not as welcome as the Guinness in the adjoining Oliver Plunkett club, which is why many Old Boys drank their coffee very quickly). It was good to see Nevin Payne at the Mass again. He is now 84, but is as fit as a fiddle. Peter McDermott, now teaching at Harrow Catholic Sixth Form College, after all his years in East Africa, was asking Lyndon Davis when his brother Gus is coming over next (apparently it's December). Denis Quin had to leave early to fly to Detroit or Geneva. Tony Morrish had to leave to go for a drive on the M1. Other early leavers were Tony Brinn, John Keenan, Eric Tope, Rob James, Kevin Curtin, Donald MacDonald, John Mansi and Maurice Diver.

However, certain stalwarts decided to follow the COXA tradition of rounding off the solemn Remembrance Day proceedings in the bar. Don Mulvihill led his troops into the corner of the Plunkett Club - accountants, bank managers, solicitors and teachers they may be, but John Woolard, Maurice Ward, Dave Slattery, Harry Mellor, Brian Sanders, Derek Rowe, Rudolph Masara, John and Joe Cewaschi soon jostled the regular drinkers out of that corner, so that they could take their accustomed positions around Don. Others like John McNicholas, Ben Schwenk, Brian Owens and David Sanders could only stand and watch these seasoned professionals. Once their drinks were on the table, out came the cigars, then the diaries. Everyone apologised for not being in touch as often in the past year. Everyone promised to attend more COXA functions. The conversation ranged from Clapper, to the future of the College, to nostalgia about Brother Bernadine or Brother Xavier. At the end of the session all agreed that it had been a most solemn yet enjoyable function and that they would all be present at the 1985 Mass.

39. The COXA Football Tour to Coventry

Tour Stars:-

Samson Taggart - Tour Director; first game goal scorer, bar stool high-diver, most interesting tourist (retired).

Mick MacDonald - Voice of reason.

Robert "Bobbo" "Bobaie" "Baby" "Babid" "Bubberneck" O'Brien - smiled so broadly his face fell in half (stopped smiling when Mick "Naked" Brien commandeered his bed one night.)

Mongoose Thornton - most pleasant barman/telephonist.

Dave "who wants a bet?" Leatham - mug punter, longest joke.
Sean & Lol - the Blues Brothers - these men are dangerous.
Boyboy "You kill me Leatham" Hartnett for expounding the philosophy "Share your facts, keep your cancer" when a pretty girl offered him a cigarette. Nice one Boy.

Joe "Tourist" Daverne - for being there at all.

Irish Eddie O'Brien - sensation of the Fishers disco.

Mick Brien - treasurer, bed-burglar, bed bugler, bed beggar and alliterate (sic) (sick) drunk of tour.

Not a huge crowd, readers, but no shirkers, and even under the savereast provocation, no roaners and groaners. If the foregoing doesn't sound like fun, either I can't write or you can't tour.



Listen lads---this is just in case Chez decides on a 'back pass'

40. The COXA Tour to Coventry 1983

Sent to Coventry or Eamonn Too High

The following is an account of tour as it happened. COXA members who are offended by crudity, nudity, sick, sex, cliquiness and clumsiness, DO NOT READ ON. No apologies if this warning is ignored.

Debutant tour operator Eamonn Taggart has struck gold at first attempt with his new-format "let the train take the strain" Flying Circus.

In what could be the very first 11-man-1000-pint tour, new heights of hilarity and depths of depravity were reached including the bungled attempt on a fake Mona Lisa and the incredible Welcome to the Pleasure-dome Scene at the Sportsmans Arms. (Naked men doing handstands against the wall while pool shots were played off women's anatomy at speed into Sean O'Sullivan's face.)

Despite a late first night (dawn) and early second morning (Saturday Superstore with lager), the team trooped out for the first game in fine fettle. Only 2 early sightings of Lawrie Mullane's lunch punctuated a splendid game of Samba Soccer, Clapham Style which ended in a 1-1 draw with President Kennedy(?)(!) It seems that chucking up diced carrots and tomato skins has some aphrodisiac effect on Coventry girls since Dandy Lol spent the rest of the tour flattening more of Coventry than the Luftwaffe ever did. However, some pathetic chunders by O'Sullivan coupled with a classy assist for Taggart's goal were less effective. The editor's modesty prevents publication of his name as a man of the match second tour running. Celebrations at Christ the King club.

Saturday night saw Mick "C.B." MacDonald in love, Eddie "Hawaii Six"-O'Brien in a bad mood and forty people in Mongoose-Thornton's room. A good build up for Sunday's game against Cowden Social the local hot-shots. Roy "Zico" Hartnett single-handedly spoiled their expected shooting practice and S.O.S. was sick in the box. In fact it appeared that Sean spent the whole weekend showing meals around Coventry.

After the game, back to the oppo's Club for a few sharp ones including a barrel of lager to take away (honest).

Sunday evening at St. Finbars club was the third and final example of the superb hospitality afforded the tourists, a point which cannot be overstressed when we attempt to host a tour side. (The hard work of the MacDonald Clan is gratefully acknowledged with regard to Trent Water's visit - March 30th. Anyway St. Finbars was exactly what you'd expect - plenty of foot-tapping and Guinness.

41. More COXA Football / Football-



SOCCKER SNAPS

1st XI Captain Brian Casey has recently been heard bemoaning the lack of support for Tuesday night training sessions at the School. Brian is right when he points out the amount of work put in by both school and Old Boys Committee to secure this privilege.

Congratulations to the Gibbs brothers, Winston and Ray who have shot through the elevens in record time, scoring at all levels and now helping the firsts towards promotion. League representation soon?

Interesting to note that Lawrie Mullane turned up to the away match with Glyn O.B.'s accompanied by his agent Ronald "Ronnie" Sheepskin-Coates. Captain's please note.

A run of good results throughout the club once again coincides with an abundance of goalkeeping talent, Barretta, Walsh, Mick Burke and Ruiz-Tyson heading the list in contention for the John McGuire "Safe Hands" vase (recently repaired).

Good work from Graham Hudson, now consistently fielding 8th and 9th elevens and arranging fixtures. These guys are playing against Banks and Polytechnic sides etc. on pitches that 1st XI players only dream of. Keep it up lads.

Lastly, lets see a little more fight from players being dropped. Its your duty to yourself and the club to stop sulking and play you way back into the team where you belong. Injured players coming back, likewise. Perusal of team sheets will show ex-1st & 2nd XI players languishing as low as 7th Xi. Competition for places will produce a successful club.

Personalia:

Seen at Royal Ascot in June, Pat Maloney (1966-70) now and for the past 15 years, running the Gladstone in King and Queen Street, Walworth. Sends best regards to all contemporaries.

Congratulations to Ray and Clare Murphy on the arrival in May of Nicholas Raymond, weighing in at 8lbs 4oz.

Sadly and somewhat belatedly we hear from St. John Vianney Parish that Father Austin died in 1973.

A fond (?) farewell and good luck to Brian Casey who has now left London to work in Liverpool (shurely shome mishtake here? Ed).

Best wishes and apologies to Bill Rodigan nee Madigan, whose name was mysteriously corrupted in last edition by the editor. For news of his contemporaries and others, please see Derrick Jones' letter.

Dropping in on picnickers at Mayfield in July, a sprightly Brother Ambrose, who sends his regards to all.

Cup Final night, and the victorious team were delighted to be saluted by John Woolard, Maurice Ward, Don Mulvihill and Derek Rowe, the four musketeers supping huge draughts of a mysteriously potent liquid from the Old Boys Cup.

Adrian McLoughlin seen recently looking tired and emotional on licensed premises after securing for his company, Canon, their biggest ever single order. Nice going.

Wilson Bowers, having put off the event in anticipation of a call from Alex Ferguson in June, married Hazel in August. Easily the best news of the summer (except perhaps for Hazel, Ed.) Congratulations.

Thanks to Brian Sanders for providing a clipping from The Times showing a picture of Old Boy Nicholas Scott boarding an R.A.F. aircraft on July 24th for his 1,000th flight across the Irish Sea. Mr Scott also became the longest serving Minister in the Northern Ireland Office since direct rule was imposed 14 years ago.

Purcellballs.

"....is your brother James anything like you Dave?"
"No. He's a good player." - Dave Leathem.

ROVERS RETURN

As the Pogues/Dubliners rendition of "The Irish Rover" rockets up the charts, Mickey Most, Pluff Freeman and Frank Barretta are busy checking the old A - Z (not 'arf!) for County Road to find South London's answer to the Cavern Club - Norbury. There, on 17th March, Band on the Run in their 3rd gig (jig?) at the clubhouse gave Paddy's Night the required musical edge, and inspired the Dubliners revival.

Considering it was a Tuesday night, a very good turnout (possibly 90 - 100 people) came to listen to and sing a selection of the more melodic and romantic Republican songs. Some rock 'n' roll, interspersed, sated the less committed contingent, including a rogue Scot. Guinness was the order of the day, and once again the Clapham bar was equal to the task. Song sheets, it would appear, will soon be surplus to requirements as evidenced by the rousing renditions of such as "A Nation Once Again" or "The Man Behind the Wire" and "Black Velvet Band". Not a dry eye in the house for Danny Boy, as should be the case and special mention for guest singers once again, McKenna & Taggart. Highlight for me however the loud and fast, if inappropriate "Do anything you wanna do!" featuring Arthur Williams on Psychotic Tambourine.

A good night; a late night; good club support. Well done to all concerned.

IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK!

OR IS IT?

The second week of 1987 saw a welcome return to the Francis Xavier College for our usual Tuesday night training slot.

It has taken a lot of hard work by Eric Tope and Derek Rowe, by keeping in touch and putting our case forward to the new 6th form college committee, and attaining a positive result.

The turn out on the first week back was very good, as only to be expected, but every week since then the attendances have declined rapidly, and on Tuesday 3rd March the total turn out was 13 (3 of which are not currently playing to any eleven). Not only is this figure atrocious after the number of complaints we had when we lost the facility originally, but when you see the current League Tables and the extremely poor position the majority of our Elevens are in, surely a serious effort to attend should be made by everyone!

Otherwise it just maybe lost for good.

Frank Barretta

44. Another Band Nite Norbury - moving away from "Lads Only" Events

Roses are red
Violets are blue
The bar took two grand
But where were you?

Despite excellent publicity, in the clubhouse, in Clapper and in team sheet bulletins, perhaps thirty old boys, if that, turned up to the St Valentines Night Massacre. Five of those were in the band, and three of those were the famous Williams guitar-playing siamese triplets. Sex, Drugs & Rock 'n' Roll. Slowhand Boland and Biff Burke on drums completed the line-up of what has become known as the "Band on the Run".

Being a Saturday night after football, a good turn-out was expected. But hopes waned as one after another, players trooped off to wives & girlfriends saying things like "We always go to the Berni Inn on a Saturday night - Rib-eye steak and chips plus a glass of wine, £3.95!" or "I've got to go to see Crocodile Dundee" or even "I'm a bit knackered." and worst of all "I'll go and see what the wife/girlfriend thinks and I'll definitely be back later." Sure.

Well, the band turned up and the fifteen or so fans sipped the odd lager or two as the attendance hit its lowest at 8.30 and then started to creep up again. Taggart arrived, ominously sucking a lozenge; Leathen returned with various women, some related; McKenna in a gold lame tuxedo, did he fancy singing too?; Birdy Roskowski and Ben sashayed in, contracts in hand, keen to see if the band were all they were cracked up to be. And then.....

JAILBAIT!!!

Suddenly hordes of young women arrived. "The groupies!!" shouted Vic, fainto. "Vodka and ginseng please" called Ben to Barman Leathen who had fainted. The place was packed now, Jim "the doorman" Thornton eagerly pressing entry-dots onto teenage torsos. Along with this bevy of teenage girls, arrived almost as many spotty youths who surged to the bar with that 1980's clarion-call of the young "Two lager tops and a snake-bite with blackcurrant please". "Take straight lager and like it" growled a revived Mad-boy. "We haven't got the air - conditioning to support windy shandy drinkers" By the time the band was ready to start, the superb organisation behind the bar was causing havoc on the other side. With perfect timing, Pete the Cheat started in to Joe Jackson's "Is she really going out with him?" and the mood was set. Material from Elvis Costello, Graham Parker, The Beatles and others were performed flawlessly and to the satisfaction of a now near capacity crowd of perhaps 130 people. Eason's lozenge proved worthy and his rendition of "Back in the U.S.S.R." will probably be a feature of the Conservative Party Conference in the Autumn. "Alison" from Kevin McKenna demonstrated a hitherto undiscovered talent and drew one of the night's biggest cheers.

Make no mistake here. The days of half-baked nights at Clapham are history. The support has a broader base:- John, Brendan, Paul, Joe & Arthur Williams, Boland, Roskowski, Leathen, McKenna,

cont....

Keogh, Burke, Ben, Webber, more support from younger members especially Steve Marshall, Anton Krause & Co. Special mention to Briony Webber & Lizzie Rowe for bringing their friends along; this is very important. Apologies for missing any names who were there, but I know they had a good time.

Everybody had a good time and the club made a lot of money, so why complain? Well, I just think that its sad that so few old boys are supporting the best efforts.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

Best wishes to Eamon Teggart and Marie on their wedding, 23rd October.

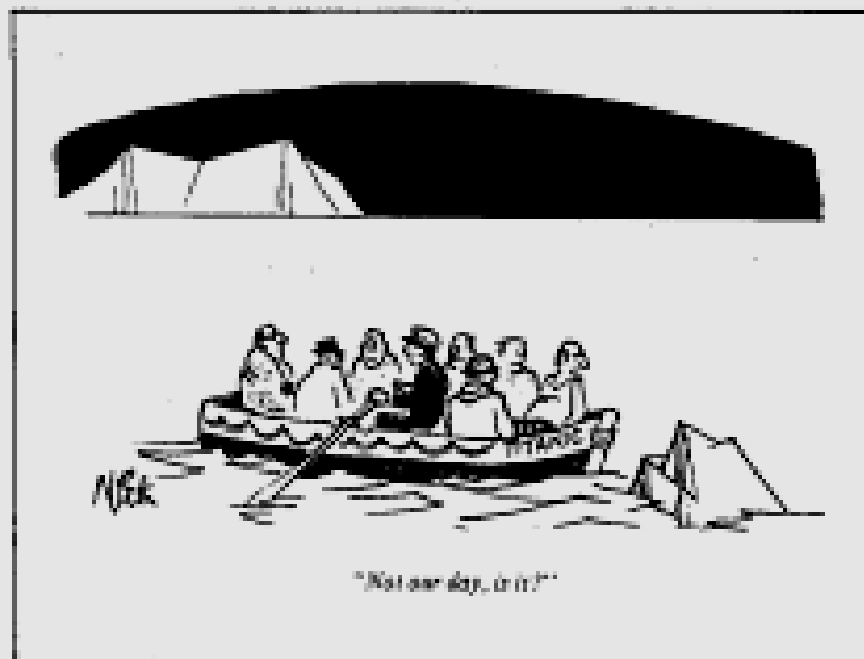
Good luck to last year's Cup final Man of the Match Spencer McGuire who leaves us for Liverpool University this Autumn.

Congratulations to John and Finola Williams on the birth of Alexander, a brother for Ellie.

John Leathem and Lyndsey also took delivery of a new baby. Congratulations and best wishes, especially from the Editor.

Farrell Balls :-

The phone rings
Bina McLoughlin : "Hello"
Captain : "Is Mick there?"
Bina : "No"
Captain : "Can he play for me on Saturday?"
Bina : "What position?"



46. 1987 Good Catholic Families clash in Charity Match

COXA CHARITY CHALLENGE M'CLOUGHLINS V WIGGLES MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

With kick-off time upon the gathered clans, the wobbly Wiggle waddled in to cries of "Harry up, Penguin!" With Paul deputising at the centre, the game wasn't held up unduly. Having won the toss, the Wiggles elected to defend the wind.

Keen to exploit an obvious advantage, the McLoughlin aerial bombardment got underway. Tommy, looking on hat-trick form, twice came close in the opening minutes, cutting in from the right, and supplied fine chances for team mates. Mick, on target from 12 yards, saw Mr Super-Bad, Roy Boy, head coolly off the line at the Wiggles right-hand post. It was Adrian who paused most heartbeats with a near post header that thundered against the crossbar. Mick Burke looked battered and bemused after 15 minutes of constant pressure that must have had him wondering when the Wiggles would start playing.

On for just long enough to have sized-up (and crooked) his man Paul West was replaced at left back by Kev McKenna.

The Wiggles, perhaps a little over-confident pre-match, kept to their game plan and against a fierce wind, which had Frank Barretta kicking the length of the field, started to bring their game into the McLoughlin half by playing the ball to feet up the flanks forcing the concession of numerous throw-ins in the last third of the field. With Neil 'Grid-Iron' Keogh (glad of a break from chasing Tommy) and Arthur taking turns to bullet in long throws from the left, the McLoughlins came under increasing pressure.

Pressure that was eventually to tell. When Mad Boy, under close attention from Brendan, failed to clear in the 6 yard box, Serge Cafai steaming in (thought bubble clear, legible and reading "Leave that ball, Brendan, or lose a leg") hammered home from close range and the game was on. With Wiggles Mk II, III and IV combining well in the latter stages of the half (Mk III hitting over from the edge of Frank's area) Referee Cremin blew for the interval, both teams confident that a win was within their grasp.

The early minutes of the second half saw the McLoughlin forward line of Jim, Ada and Tommy taking turns to sit on the sideline and smear Vaseline on throbbing peds. Despite this crippling disability (no I didn't mean Mick) Tommy remained the McLoughlin danger man.

With 25 minutes left, and the Wiggles (now with the wind in their sails) seemingly cruising to victory, again it was Tommy crossing from the right worrying the Wiggles.

Wiggles wobbled as McLoughlins marauded, failed clearance followed failed clearance until the ball fell like an overdue Easter egg at the sure feet of Jolly Fireman Jim. Boots non! Hot-shot Kamish lives.

47. The Williams Bros. & the McLoughlin Bros..continued

1-1 and 20 minutes left.

Soon afterwards Mk IV fed Mk V from deep in the Wiggle half and off they hared on the break. The final ball inside was passed over for a shot and Frank saved comfortably. Mk II, who had been in hot pursuit but collapsed 2/3rds of the way there, was carried off groaning. "They'll never win without me". With a hamstring injury (all Porky jokes should be called to mind now, and cackled over).

Brendan was substituted by Spencer, who played an interesting and largely successful tussle against Eamon Taggart (love that tan!).

John Leather (not in the best of health on the day) dropped into the back four and Serge pushed up with Mk III as the Wiggles went all out for glory. But with Frank saving at the feet of Mk I and Mad Boy attempting to decapitate anyone foolish enough to consider rounding him in the box (cheers Dave!), the McLoughlins stood their ground admirably.

Ten minutes remaining, and a draw ever nearer, Kev McKenna was replaced at left back by Gary McGuire who proceeded to give Mk IV a lesson in how to head the ball.

Chances fell in the dying minutes to Anthony McLoughlin (who hit low and wide) and Mk IV who twice saw Frank deny him the McLoughlin jugs. With moments remaining Mk IV hooked a short cross behind the head of Mk III and the last chance to clinch the game had passed.

Calls of "Penalty shoot-out" from the side-bet merchants on the line went unheeded as the proud Celts left the field, for the enduring charms of the Norbury bar, with an honourable draw.

5 hours (and innumerable jugs) later, with larger supplies at absolute zero, the remaining warriors reluctantly set out for the Pied Bull.

Paul Burke and Tommy McLoughlin were my men of the match.

Looking forward to the next one.

The Waltzing Wiggle.



Clapham College.

Nightingale Lane
Please see Clapham

About a year ago it came to the knowledge of the Council that the Croydon Borough Council were contemplating the acquisition of the Clapham College playing field in County Road, Thornton Heath, as a site for a county college. It was pointed out to the Croydon authority, in view of the requirements of the Education Act 1944, and the acute shortage of playing space for London pupils, that such a proposal might cause the Council considerable embarrassment. It was understood, however, from Croydon that they were not contemplating this playing field as a site for a county college and that they had informed the Ministry accordingly. It now appears however that the Croydon Education Committee are proposing to acquire this playing field as a site for a county college or perhaps as sport amenities for such a college and that such a proposal has been incorporated in the Croydon Development Plan submitted to the Ministry. It is understood that the Governors of Clapham College have not been consulted by Croydon. I shall be glad if you can do anything directly with Croydon local education authority to ensure that this playing field is not lost for London pupils.

1 Clapham College Playing Field is a 4.75 acre ground, situated in County Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey. The ground is owned by the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Southwark and the resident groundsman is an employee of the Governors of Clapham College.

2 There is one senior football pitch at the ground, and the only use made of the field by Clapham College is for a group of 22 boys on three mornings a week. The rest of the school uses Morden Park Schools Sports Centre where there is a wider range of facilities and which is only marginally further. The ground and club house at the Clapham College Field are used regularly at weekends by the school's Old Boys, and the field is also used on weekdays by children from the adjoining Croydon voluntary aided school. Although the ground is within two miles of this Authority's boundary, there are no secondary schools which could reasonably use it because of the limited facilities.

3 In view of the lack of use made of the field by Clapham College, it is proposed that the Authority should cease maintenance with effect from 1 January 1980. Annual maintenance and wage costs savings of approximately £5,200 would be achieved by this measure. The Diocesan Commission is aware of this proposal, and consultations with regard to the groundsman's future are taking place.

49 Clapham College Camping "post Pocock" - Hudson & Casserly



There is something just "wrong" with this photograph

50 Another view on the closure of Clapham College.

Scanning through the pages of Concordia, The History Project and the Xaverian Website, it is clear the “love” and appreciation the Old Boys have for Clapham College. This short article seen on the internet gives a slightly different approach. Is this just one individual's view of Clapham or is there some credence to his opinion of a miserable, unhappy place, for staff & pupils - with “cover-ups” & under-performance?

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.

A huge culture clash existed between the ethos of St Gerads and Clapham College. Management styles were very different, with levels of teaching skill and performance differing greatly. The board of governors was more focused on faith issues than education. This all caused a great deal of staff tension and rivalry during the short time the school was in existence. This was reflected in the difficulties with pupil discipline and severe under-performance by many staff and poor top streams exam results. A number of incidents of a very dark nature occurred which were largely hushed up and are beyond the scope of this piece. Any one of which today, may well have led to newspaper headlines.

The school was never a 'happy' place. Neither for staff nor pupils. The final years of Clapham College School for Boys were even more miserable. In July 1985 the school closed on the site to re-open that September on the site of the former Notre Dame Girls School, Battersea. Under Mr Sparks as Headteacher.

51. More of the Clapham College teams of the 1980s

Manager Graham Hudson takes a back seat role, allowing the boys to take the glory thanks to his managerial know-how. It just a real pity he chose that dreadful West Ham away kit.



52. 1987 Old Xaverian Cricket Club

CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS CRICKET CLUB



SEASON 1987

The first fixture of the new cricket season is only seven weeks away so you will have to finally unpack your bag from the end of last season! Fixture lists are again full and we are looking forward to a successful season. If you wish to play please make sure you contact one of the names given below who will be glad to accommodate you.

AGM - The AGM of the cricket section will be held at Norbury on Friday April 3rd at 7.45pm. Please make every effort to attend as many aspects of the coming season will be discussed as well as captains and vice-captains being elected.

NETS - We have been unable to obtain any bookings at Lords or three other venues we have tried for nets but the usual nets at Norbury will be available. We will let you know dates of starting soon. Any of you who have not played for a long time, this is an ideal opportunity for you to see how good your memory is!

DINNER - The cricket annual dinner will be held on Friday 24th April so please make a note of this date in your diaries. Details of costs and venue will be available shortly.

TOUR - Another date for your diary is for the cricket tour - 30th June to 3rd July inclusive. Anyone wishing for a 'different' kind of break should consider the delights of cricket tour!

<u>CONTACTS:</u>	<u>Club Secretary</u>	<u>Sunday XI</u>	<u>Saturday 1st</u>	<u>Saturday 2nd</u>
	Mick Grice	Mick Duffy	Graham Hudson	Ted Hayter
	01-732 1146	01-318 5088	01-677 2163.	01-460 1492

OBITUARIES

Though not an Old Boy - he was from Chorley in Lancashire - Frank Carter, who died at the end of November at the age of 75, made what was perhaps a unique contribution to our numbers.

Of his six sons, three (David, Julian and Paul) attended the Old Clapham College, three (Peter, Adrian and Kevin) attended St. Gerard's. He was also father-in-law of Brian Sandeas, hence grandfather of four other Clapham College pupils.

We are also saddened to hear of the death, in October, of Maureen, wife of Tom Ennis, a former Chairman of the Association.

Requiescant in pace.

53. Classic Old Boys Event in the '80s, the Whitbread Brewery



Why wasn't there several such trips to Breweries?

COXA was made for such events!



54. 1980s - NO WORDS REQUIRED



55. 1980s Clapham Old Xaverians at play..

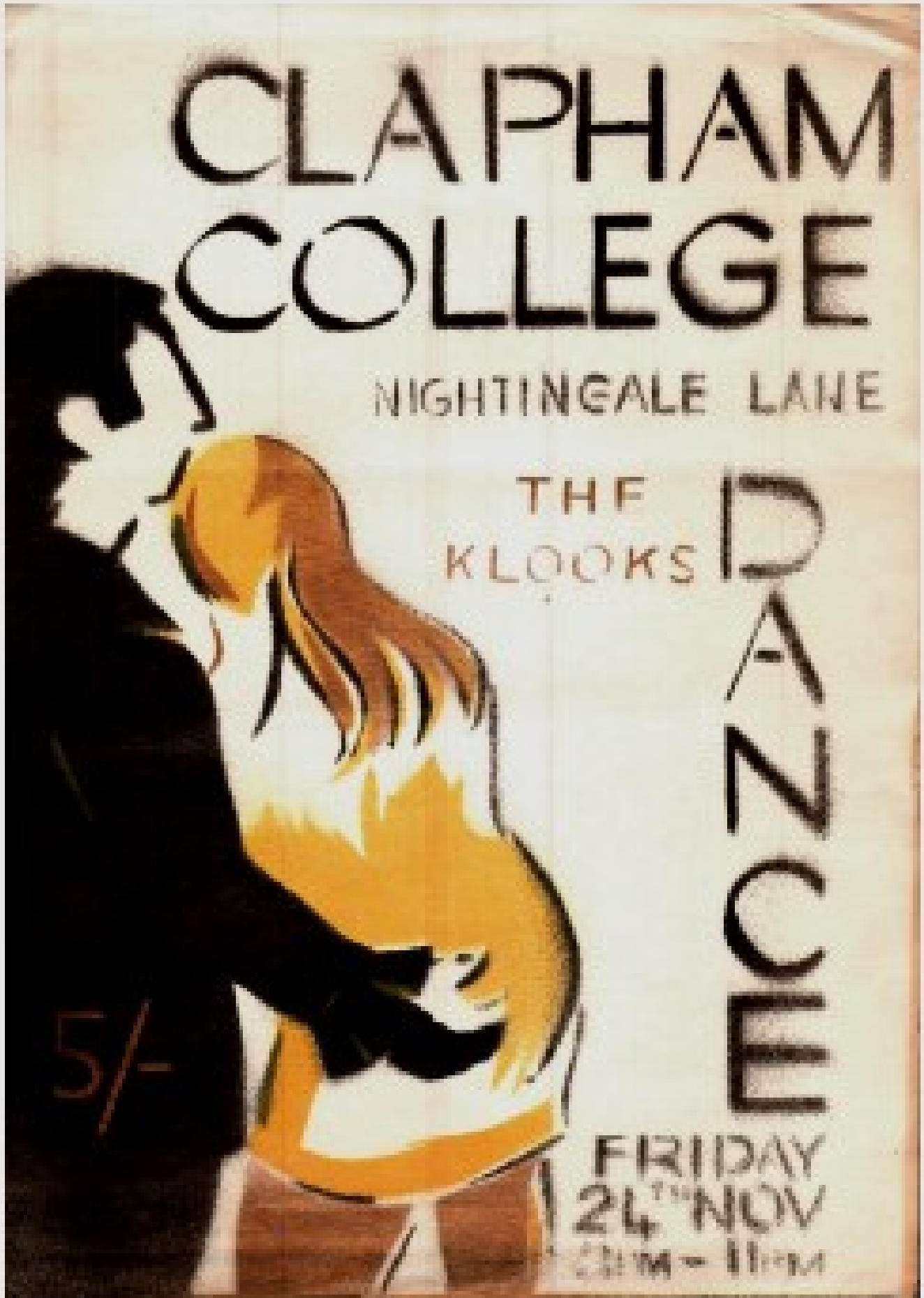


Xaverians at play in the 1980s, there was always a drink, always a party. Even our partners seemed to enjoy The Xaverian Craic

56. COXA on Tour - Great Yarmouth '81 & Ilkley '83



57. Jake knew how to advertise a School Disco



58. 1985 - Clapham College moves to Battersea

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CATHOLIC HERALD, Friday, 29 November, 1985

People & Places

Clapham moves to Battersea



GENEROSITY of the pupils of Clapham College is undiminished by their move to Battersea. They are seen here presenting their gifts to their chaplain Fr J Henderson SJ. These gifts are made up into Christmas hampers and distributed by the local parishes.

In the reorganisation of the Catholic schools in South London, Clapham College had to vacate their premises, which the school had occupied since its foundation in 1897, to make way for the new sixth form college. The Clapham College pupils moved to Battersea in September 1985.

At first the locals were puzzled to see hoards of boys dashing across the road (Battersea Park Road), where convent school girls sedately walked only a month before. Lorry drivers thundering past from the nearby Covent Garden Market were highly amused to see hoards of boys entering 'Notre Dame Convent School for Girls'!

Year Seven "new boys" stopped for the first time in nearly 90 years at the College and what was basically a Lower School group moved to the Old Notre Dame site near Battersea Park. Many teachers stayed loyal to the boys and parents as the school reduced in numbers from year to year. The atmosphere was incredibly positive there for such a terminal situation.

59. 1986 - the "Elephant Fayre" St Germans, Cornwall

Buddy Curtis & the Grasshoppers a 1980s Band, with it's roots at Clapham College [Paul & Steve Curtis] now both living in the USA. "Crooners"

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60. 1984 COXA Football [from Clapper]

FOOTBALL

The club's most successful season continues with the 2nd, 3rd and 5th XI's in Cup Finals (see individual reports below). The top 3 XI's are still well placed for promotion from their respective divisions, and the 6th XI are positioned comfortably in mid-table. The 7th and 8th XI's have played over 20 friendly games scoring over 100 goals. Well over 100 players are now available for selection and the time for a 9th XI cannot be far off.

The club has already played more games than in any previous season, scored more goals and won more games than ever before. It now remains to see how we fare in the final part of the season:

- how many teams will gain promotion?
- how many Cups will be won?
- which team will record the 100th win for the club this season?
- which player will score the 500th COXA goal this season?

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	FOR	AGAINST	POSITI
1st XI	18	9	3	6	30	23	5th
2nd XI	19	11	2	7	53	36	4th
3rd XI	19	13	3	3	46	27	3th
4th XI	21	11	4	6	69	42	3rd
5th XI	21	16	1	4	79	48	2nd
6th XI	20	9	3	8	51	42	6th
7th XI	15	8	0	7	68	40	-
8th XI	10	6	2	2	40	20	-
Totals	143	83	18	42	438	278	-

All above figures are for games up to 4th March, 1984.

In 1984 a 9th XI played 9 games.

61. Clapham Football Tour to Torquay

Football Tours at Easter dominated the 1980s Football Calendar, Torquay was one such event, 24 tourists and fun for all - a match too, [a 4-4 draw] a festival of sport and entertainment.

TOUR REPORT - TORQUAY 1987

The 24-man turn out for tour 1987 has put this event back on a club footing. 25% of the club's maximum playing strength surely dispels the "cliquey" accusations of recent years. There were many amusing moments which have already bored clubmen rigid in the bar, but anybody thinking of joining next year need only ask any of this year's tourists to hear what good value the trip is.

Tour highlights :- Competitions

- Guess the barman's name.
- Hide-the sausage night.
- Where's Dickie?
- Don't turn up (Anthony McLoughlin - winner 1987).
- Keep out of trouble with John Ryan.
- Get run over in the High Street (winner Mongoose Thornton)
- Fiver in the whip game ("I don't want to play any more" Tom Purcell)
- Misbehave very badly with regard to the laws of the country (winner Adie Bertie).

Tour takes place over the Whitsun Weekend, usually last weekend in May. Start Friday, early; home Monday, late. Expense around £80.00 inclusive of breakfasts, most people report expenditure of around £120.00. This may or may not sound like a lot of money, but if you don't spend £60.00 or £70.00 on sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll over a bank holiday at home, then you're having a real quite time.

Anyone wishing to pay a bit at a time can do so starting January.

For the purists, the one game available, on the Sunday was played against Torquay Rugby Football Club, warm and generous hosts, to a man. The honourable 4-4 draw was punctuated by a local Torquay tradition of pass the Scotch.

The Club has an excellent clubhouse and cricket pavillion opposite for their cricket side. Cricket section members should note that they welcome touring sides and information is reproduced below.



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62 The Remembrance Service in the College Chapel 1986

The Remembrance mass has had a "chequered" past - even after WWI2 there were only small attendances. The numbers increased when the "Plunkett Club" was attached in the 1980s. In the 2000s the interest in the World Wars [and the sacrifice of Clapham Boys] together with Archbishop Peter's visit, moved average attendances to the 100 mark.

THE OLD BOYS' REMEMBERENCE DAY MASS 1986

It was, by common consent, one of the best turn-outs of recent years at the Old Boys' Rememberence Day Mass at the College on November 9. We had heard in advance that several people were going to make a special effort to attend this year, and we were not disappointed. It was heartening to see the chapel full at 11 o'clock, when mass began with a minute's silence for the Dead of Two World Wars. Father Haden, a past pupil of St. Gerards School and Clapham College, and currently curate at West Wickham Parish, said the Mass. As usual, Brian Sanders served the mass and Cecil Pocock, after moving the lectern (!) did the readings. During the Bidding Prayers, we prayed for pupils, staff and Old Boys who had died in the past year, including Conor Patrick Fahy (aged 88), a near-contemporary of Nevin Payne (who was present at the Mass and looking as fit as ever).

Later, in the plush new Dining Room of the St. Francis Xavier College (the cook Mrs. Bailey, was at the Mass), and even later in the Plunkett Club, we met old friends and colleagues. Mr. Haden was deep in conversation with his former headmaster, Maurice Gleeson and with one of his parishers, John McGowan. Don Mulvihill and John Woollard were with Clapper columnist, Derrick Jones who had come from Cheltenham. Denis Hook was disappointed that Len Powell had not arrived, but Bernard Farrell (Hampshire) and Bernard Regan (Sussex) had made the long journey (the former is chief customs and excise officer at Hern Airport, the latter chief immigration officer at Gatwick). Tony and June Morrish had journeyed from Bedford (they missed last year!), but had to leave early for lunch with 'Flog' Hughes. Some of the dozens of Old Boys who had travelled shorter distances were John Noulton, Gerald Rowe, Rudolph Masara, Denis Quin, Harry Mellor, John Keenan, Maurice Ward and Bill Kidd.

The Old Boys' Mass is a serious occasion. However in some ways it is the central point of the Old Boys' social calendar. We hope that ever more Old Boys and families will make an effort to attend the Rememberence Day service in the College Chapel next November.

Garvey

63. The Sunday Times Fun Run a regular 1980s event

Sunday Times Fun Run, Hyde Park , 1982

During the 1980s Coxa entered dozens and dozens in the Sunday Times Fun Run. The course was 4k, and we were divided into age categories. It was a great day out - we stayed all day, with barbecued burgers, and our own portable latrine (thanks to Alan Webber). The Coxa results for 1982 were-

Girls under 14s 19 mins. Amy Tope, 21 mins. Rowan Webber. 22 mins. Jane Powell, Sarah Garvey. 24 mins. Kate Garvey. 26 mins Briony Webber

Boys under 14s 17 mins Luke Tope. 18 mins Simon Powell, Rory Tope. 19 mins. Peter Powell.

Adult Women 22 mins Viv McKenna, 23 mins C. Wilson. 29 mins Lyn Leathem. 30 mins L McLoughlin. P. Taggart.

Adult Men

15 mins. Roy Hartnett, Paul West, Mick Brien. 16 mins. Gerry Taggart, Chris Kavanagh Colin Brown. Dave Leathem, Jimmy Thornton. Eddie O'Brien 17 mins. Mick Carrucan, Frank Jordan, Graham Hudson, Kev McKenna. 18 mins, Mick Powell, Colin Garvey, Pete Brown, Henry Pinsent. 19 mins. Eric Tope, Brendan Williams, Frank Barretta. 21 mins. Mick McLoughlin.

Coxa entered 3 teams - Coxa Nacars, Coxa Bullocks, Coxa Vets....they all came nowhere. For the athletics fans, the Tullohs won the family trophy (didn't he used to run in bare feet?) As I remember, after finishing his run, Dave Leathem ran home, as he was training for the following spring's London Marathon.

Happy days. Colin Garvey



64. A unique event for a unique person - Mass in the Chapel for Br Peter RJP

COXA MASS FOR BROTHER PETER, MARCH 9 1986

In many ways it was a typical COXA Mass. At 11.25 there were scarcely two dozen Old Boys assembled outside the college chapel, and indeed when the Mass began, the front few benches were empty. However, sometime later a glance backwards showed Old Boys sitting ten to a bench at the back of the chapel and some having to stand behind them. Some faces were familiar, others had not been to Old Boys' functions for years. (We had received apologies from Father Terry and Father Michael Creech, from John Crouch, a former COXA chairman, and from Alec Morrish, who is into Africa.)

Father Eric Meade, a pupil at the college at the time of Brother Peter's headship, began the mass by saying that it would not be a requiem, but rather a Mass of thanksgiving, so the vestments were appropriately rose coloured. It was fitting that two Xaverian brothers - Christopher and Ambrose - did the readings from the Book of Job and from the Letters of St. John. Cecil Pocock, head of history during Brother Peter's time and subsequently headmaster, read the bidding prayers - for Brother Peter, for all Xaverian brothers, for Clapham College and St. Francis Xavier College and for all Old Boys.

In his sermon, Father Meade explained he would recount personal reminiscences of Brother Peter and hoped we could all identify with them. This recollection ranged from early days in on alpha, with Brother Peter as Latin teacher, to two alpha when he became headmaster and onto the fifth and sixth form, when he taught Religion. He remembered Brother Peter's intellect, his humour, (his camel!) his wit (deliberately calling all pupils "Johnny", so that he didn't have to remember their names). He also could not forget how deceiving was that outward mask of detachment. The day that Brother Peter announced the death in Africa of Brother Joseph, the previous headmaster, with tears in his eyes, was proof that events could affect him greatly. It was, said Father Meade, the upper school R.E. lessons which showed Brother Peter at his best - his expert knowledge, his enthusiasm combined with this firm faith surely encouraged dozens of college boys to go on for the priesthood - like Vlad Feltsen, Michael and Terry Creech, Laurie Richardson, Peter Smith, Jim Greig, to name a few. Fr. Meade's sermon hit exactly the right note - sadness and respect at the passing of our headmaster, yet always with a touch of humour in the background.

The occasion ended, not for the first time in COXA history, in the ~~club~~ club downstairs. The crowd at the Mass had been good, with an excellent cross-section from all generations. Familiar COXA faces will not mind if less regular members are mentioned - Kevin Cooney, Brian Campbell, Noddy Bouchard, Peter McDermott, Dennis Myers, Ian Randolph, Jan Luba, Tony Griffin, Martin Fowler, Lyndon Davis, Father Jim Greig (now at Digby Stuart College), Mrs. Chilcott, former secretary at Clapham College, and Maurice Gleeson, former headmaster.

Brother Peter once wrote in the Old Boys' magazine, Concordia, asking Old Boys to pray for one of the deceased brothers, but added that, knowing that particular brother's faith, he doubted if it was necessary. That is how we all feel about Brother Peter.

65. 1986 Br Christopher writes a eulogy on his friend Br Peter



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Brother Peter, C.F.X.

Six years ago, we came together in happy mood to join Brother Peter in his Golden Jubilee Celebrations and I felt honoured that day to offer to him on behalf of his Brothers in religion, past pupils and other friends, our united congratulations and good wishes that he might enjoy a peaceful progress to his Diamond Jubilee and beyond.

This morning, it is my sad duty to extend, on behalf of Peter's religious brothers, past pupils and other friends, to his dear sister, Tess, and to his relations, our deep sympathy in this time of pain at the sudden death of a beloved brother and esteemed relation.

Under such sad circumstances, I still feel privileged to have this opportunity to place on record my own personal knowledge of and feelings for Brother Peter, colleague and friend.

Brother Peter was appointed to the Mayfield Community in 1937, where he taught religion to his form--as was usual in those days--and English and Geography in other forms. In the five years that followed, he became identified by three outstanding qualities: integrity; a deep spirituality supported by a personal self-discipline; and an undoubted presence in the classroom. To illustrate: he was recognized by all as a man without guile; his fidelity to the prayer-life of the Community was an unfailing source of edification; and he was both admired and envied in the classroom style which was so uniquely his.

In 1942 Peter returned to Manchester and obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from Manchester University. He joined the Staff at Manchester Xaverian College where he taught until 1952, when he was appointed to the Headship of the Xaverian College at Clapham in London. Apart from one year spent in the North-Eastern Province of the Xaverian Brothers in the United States on a teacher exchange scheme, when his post was administered by Brother Ambrose, the Deputy Head, Peter held the Headship of Clapham until the withdrawal of the Brothers from London in 1970.

The years at Clapham College presented Brother Peter with his strongest challenge which he accepted. In spite of the lack of facilities--and they were many--he stimulated a fresh enthusiasm throughout each department of the school, even in the Athletics' section to which Peter was not naturally drawn. Extra-curricula activities at all levels were encouraged so that field work involving many disciplines was annually undertaken. Above all, the College developed a flourishing Dramatic Society which, under the aegis of the English Department, produced many notable plays.

66. Brother Christopher concludes his story on Br Peter

Throughout all this activity, Peter, leading without seeming to lead, maintained contact with all the students, and everywhere was the same respect extended to him as in former years. This attitude was reflected amongst the members of the Old Boys' Association, who held Brother Peter in great esteem and expressed their feelings at the Annual Dinner at which he was always present. Perhaps the aim of those years could be summed up as the search for quality, no matter what the activity might be.

During the final years of this period, in the light of the educational plans for South London, it was decided to withdraw from Clapham, and in 1970 Brother Peter rejoined the Manchester Staff and continued teaching until his retirement in 1976. From this time, he lived with his sister who would otherwise have been alone. He came to the College every week, joined us in most of our major functions and remained a member of the College Board of Governors until his death.

Brother Peter was a man of his time. He enjoyed a good story and could always tell one. Fortright when he thought the need arose, he was compassionate and generous to those in need of comfort or support. Above all, he brought to his spiritual and professional life, a dedication from which we all can learn and by which he will best be remembered. May he rest in peace.

Brother Christopher, C.F.X.



67. Cecil Pocock's retirements [1980s...]

TIMES DIARY

Pocock retires after 36 years on a Bench

AFTER 36 years on the Bench as a Justice of the Peace, Mr Cecil Pocock retired on Monday from the Brentford and Feltham bench.

He will be sorely missed by those magistrates, court staff and even defendants who have experienced his unfailing courtesy, kindness and sympathy where necessary.

One of the last cases he dealt was that of 42-years-old Raymond John Whelehan, of Richmond Road, Twickenham, for threatening behaviour at Brentford.

He said: "Even where we may have sympathy for your situation the law must not be broken like this." He went on to fine him £100 with £40 costs.

Apart from his 36 years on the bench as a magistrate and chairman of the bench he spent a lifetime in politics as a Conservative councillor and Alderman for

Brentford and Chiswick.

He was brought up in Chiswick and was a pupil at Hogarth Junior School and Chiswick Grammar School for boys before going up to Cambridge.

He went into education and was headmaster of the Clapham College for many years.

As a councillor he served on the old Brentford and Chiswick council from 1950 to 1964 and was Mayor from 1963-64.

He did one term as a councillor on the newly formed Hounslow Council.

On Monday, before court began, members of the bench, court staff, police, Crown Prosecution Service and other lawyers were told by fellow magistrate, Mr Geoffrey King that the 36 years on the bench was a record.

Mr Pocock said: "It is an immense honour to have served as a Justice of the Peace. It is the highest form

of service that the United Kingdom offers its citizens."

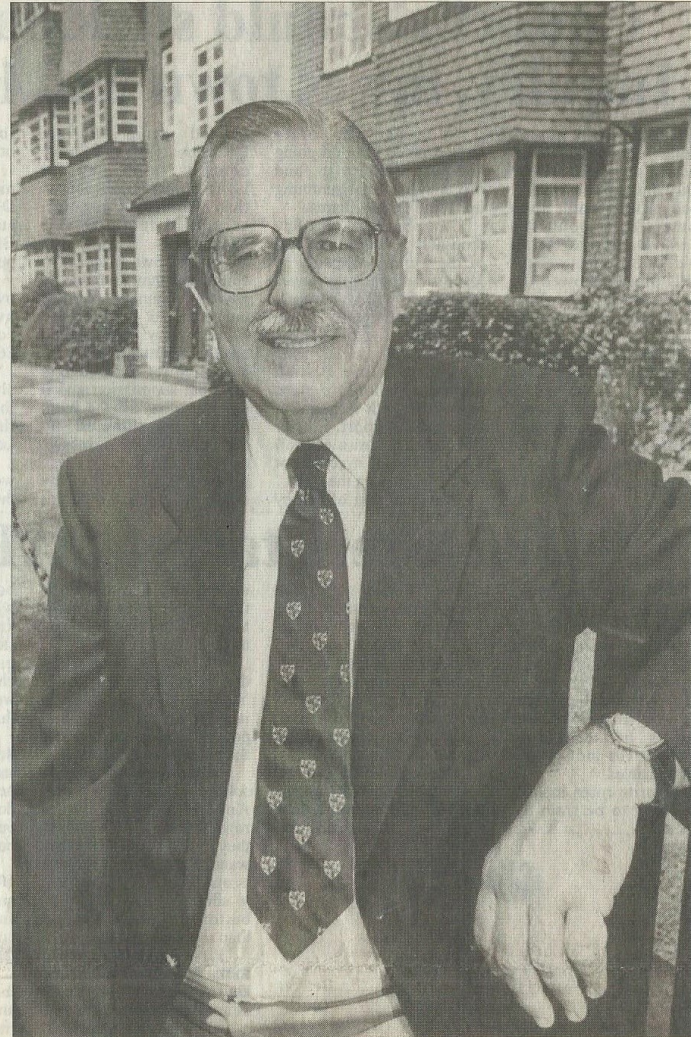
Nowadays magistrates come from a very wide area of society and he said he was impressed with the calibre of the new magistrates coming through.

He paid a tribute to the probation service: "They give us wonderful advice which is constructive in its nature."

Mr Pocock also praised the security staff of the court and the Crown Prosecution Service and, finally, the Press, which, he said had given good publicity over the years.

On behalf of the Crown Prosecution Service, Usha Shergill thanked him for his kindness and understanding saying that she had always found him just and fair.

Mr Pocock is an active member of the church of Our Lady of Grace in Chiswick High Road.



Throughout the 1980s Cecil was a magistrate at and he retired as a Magistrate after 36 years [a record] "NOBODY" could have done carried out the role with greater enthusiasm or dedication,

Another of Cecil's "loves" were the School plays [with John Gibb] this partnership too, came to an end!

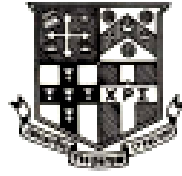
Headship meant retirement from his other "joys" teaching, camping and School Trips. Finally came the retirement from Clapham



and retirement from COXA events - he was too popular, mobbed - avoided big crowds.

68. 1989 - Brother's Farewell Reception & Attendees

Clapham College 1897—1989



FAREWELL RECEPTION

Saturday 20th May, 1989

St. Francis Xavier Sixth Form College

CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS ASSOCIATION

Name	Date of Leaving	Name	Date of Leaving	Name	Date of Leaving
J. Mann	1967	Gary Burgess	1951	Christopher Pearson	1979
Hugh Atkinson	1970	John. [unclear]	1949	DAG Donnelly	1973
Se Farrell	1969	John Williams	1973	Brian Campbell	1963
Martin Farrell	1971?	D.P. [unclear]	1935	Paul Teher	1969
Patrick Walls	1986	George Mooney	1955	Brendan Keenan	1970
Maureen Power		Maurice Duse.	1984	Patrick Lynch	1970
Maureen and Ted [unclear]	1951	Nick [unclear]	1951	David Leatham	1972
Bernard [unclear]	1952	EDY OTAL	1976	Paul Barber	1986
Dennis [unclear]	1942	...-leaves C.P.X Staff 1962-1978	1978	R.J. Januszewski	1971
B.V. Keenan	1961	in Bernard (formerly [unclear]) 1957-1962	1962	Michael [unclear]	1958
Jim McCarroll	1961	James [unclear]	1952	Paul [unclear]	1952
John [unclear]	1955	Rudolf [unclear]	1954	R.J. [unclear]	1947
Deak [unclear]		Frank [unclear]	1950	Seamus Schwab	1962
Anna Conaccio	1955?	John [unclear]	1944	John [unclear]	1983
Tom Russell	1978	Bill [unclear]	1953	William [unclear]	1962
[unclear]	1943	John [unclear]	1959	D. [unclear]	1981
		John [unclear]	1962	Robert [unclear]	1980
		Robert [unclear]	1962	[unclear]	
		Neil Keogh	1974	D. [unclear]	
		Neil Thaler	1986		

69. 1989 - More Attendees at the Brother's Dinner

Name	Date of Leaving	Name	Date of Leaving
Ray Day	1980	Ed Hogg	1960
Kevin Bond	1971	A. Sanders	1984
R. A. James	1975	Henry Schwenk	1965
Michael Smith	1960	Rube Smoak	1959
Bob Bucke	1972	Alan Collett	1963
David Slattery	1955	John McKeel	1969
Red Saunders	1948	Zbigniew Ciachomawicz	1971
MICK BUTLER	1971	Vic Rosztowski	1967
John G. Hooley	1964	J. H. JAMES	1980
FRANK BARRETTA	1978	ELIATH EARL	1970
T. COOPER	1979	Michael Barker	1980
DENZIL MCGARENHAS	1974	Mike Collins	1971
Sally Handley	1971	John Keenan	1955
Gabriel Fazi	1952	John McKeel	1972
Harry Keller	1964	Peter Douglas	1979
Joseph (Cranck)	1940	BOB SILK	1979
Tony Amara	1955	John Ford	1978
Freddie Baldwin	1932-37	ALEXANDER MYERS	1968
Clive Smith	1958-63		

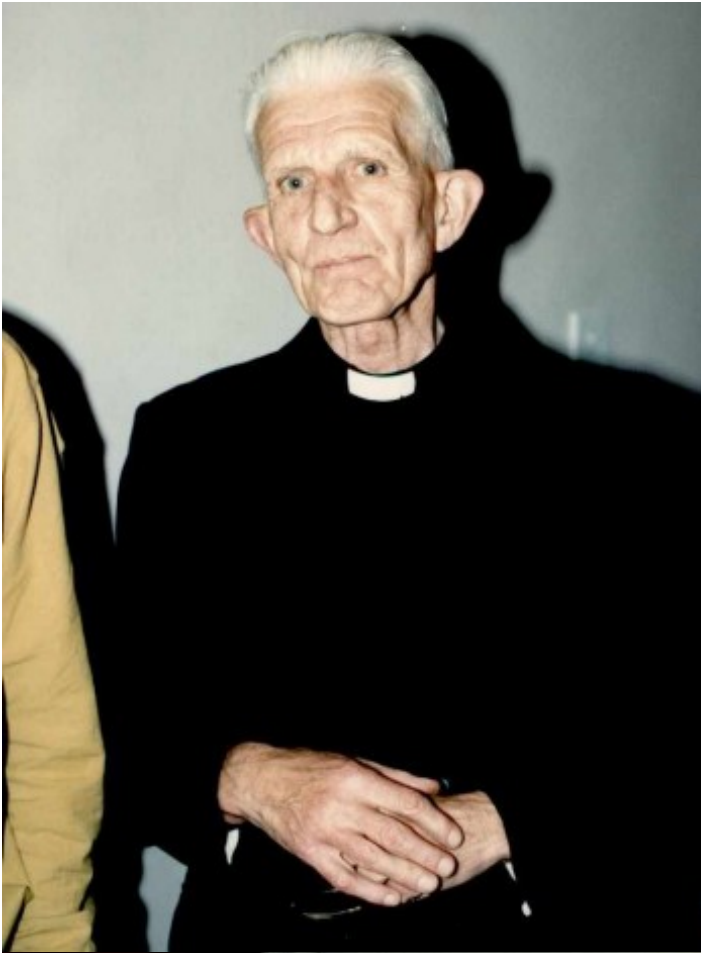
Name	Date of Leaving	Name	Date of Leaving
Maurice Barker	1982	Brian Pryke	1955
PETER CORNSH (CORNSCHI)	1940	Eddie O'Brien	1976
PETER McDERMOTT	1959	Tom Kelly	1980
PETER WILSON	1958	Peter Brown	1955
E. HANNIBAN	1931	W. J. Pepper	1954
PAT O'CONNOR	1967	Brendan Williams	1976
TERRY SHAW	1967	Peter Mark	1975
MICHAEL ALLEN	1973	Sean Sullivan	1975
MAURICE DIVER <small>Flat 3, 129 Margate Rd, London, SE16.</small>	1984	Tom Lulu	1975
John (Clay) Frost	1940	John Hickey	1972
Tan O'Brien	1952	John Murtagh	1969
John Burke	1975	CHRIS McFadden	1971
Harry Jones	1973	David Sanders	1983
Robert Kinsella	1971	Alfred Marshall	1961
Clive Widdowson	1977	Long Glass	1962
Carlos FROESE	1977	Alan Webber	1961
Leonard Powell	1962		
Martin Boyd	1976		
Frank Ryan	1974		
Mike Dair	1954		
Richard Clark	1961		

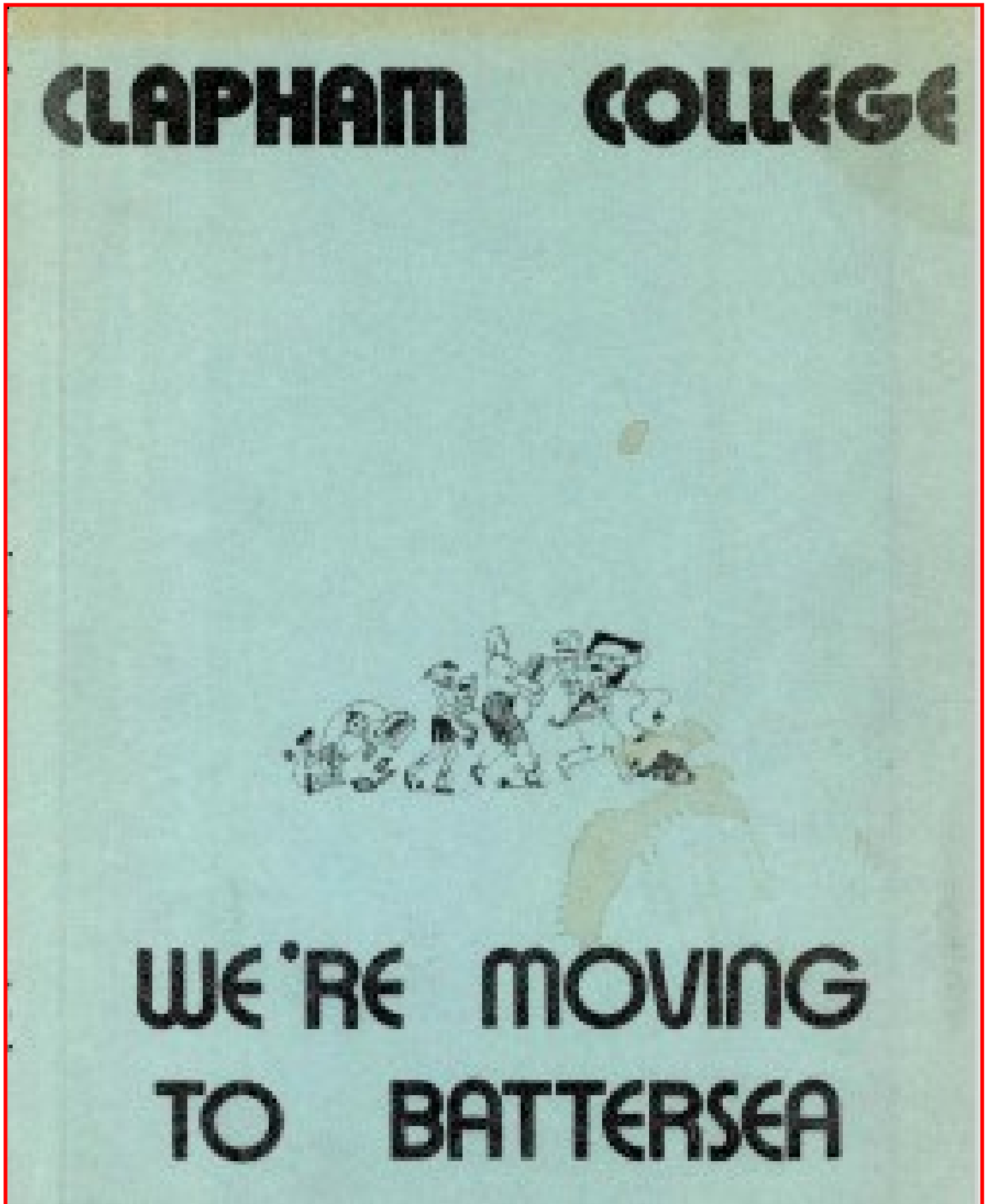
70. The Speeches at the closure of Clapham College



Nice to see that Eddie found one of my stories amusing

71. More from the Farewell event, a Brother, another Speech & Guests





After 90 years on Nightingale Lane, everything was packed away and removal vans took most of the contents to Notre Dame. The "renovators arrived and began covering a Boy's Secondary Sch into an 16 to 19 Mixed 6h Form College - Francis Xavier [just love the "new" name]. The bonus [for COXA] was the retention of St Thomas Salt's building & The Chapel.

73. How many letters like this were ever written - a School is a PLACE - Clapham isn't any more.



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As far as the COXA Archive and the information we have gleaned; these were the "Dark Ages" in terms of the College. The Old Boys turned inwards a little looking after their own interests and focussing on SFX and the "feeder" schools for new members. We lost contact with the temporary "closing" school which was a shame - we need to research this and include; Clapham College Battersea was still Clapham College!

74. Another “new” Headmaster for Clapham College - to oversee it's closure

Here is Mr Roger Sparks first letter as the new Headmaster of Clapham College. He knew he would be the only Headmaster NOT to lead the school at the Clapham South site and that he would be it's LAST Headteacher. He did all that he could to make the move to Battersea as smooth as possible. What made the whole process easier was taking many of the staff that had taught the boys at Clapham with them. They boys were familiar with the teachers and trusted them. Would keep the “spirit” of the College “alive” in Batter-

Clapham College.

21st June, 1985.

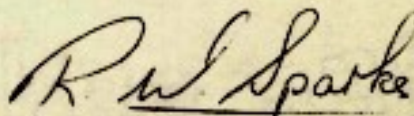
Dear Parents & Pupils,

This booklet has been produced to try to ease the many problems caused by our move to Battersea. It is a very difficult time for all of us but, in no way, should this move be allowed to upset either pupils or parents.

We have put into this booklet as much information as we have to hand at the moment. After prolonged discussion with Divisional Office a report has been submitted to County Hall with requests for financial assistance with transport to the new school site. The results of this report are awaited and I shall inform you all immediately I have any news. Please ask your sons each day whether they have been given any letters at school as so often they do not reach home.

I shall be sending a letter to all of you during the last week of school which will contain any extra information needed prior to the re-commencement of school in September.

Yours sincerely,



R.W. Sparks.

Headmaster

75. Clapham College Staff in the 1 1980s...one last photograph before



Clapham left the Nightingale Lane Site
“what a picture, - what a photograph”



76. Clapham College Staff Photo [in two!]

The brilliant Staff Photograph on the previous item couldn't really be viewed in good enough definition. Cut in half and doubled in size gives good detail.

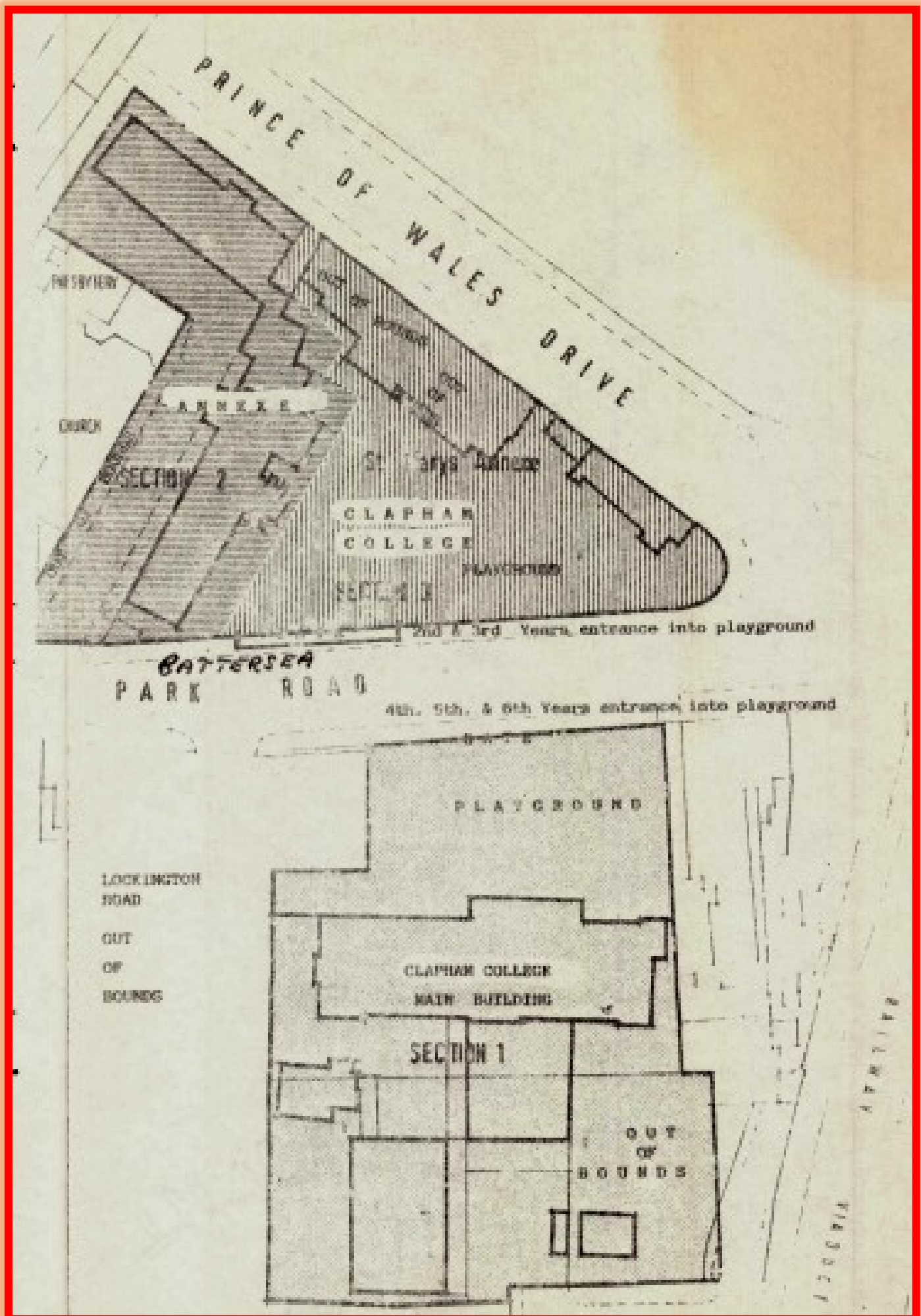


77. Clapham College's new home, Notre Dame [my only photo]

One can only imagine the pressures of staff moving from a huge “purpose-built” modern school to a crumbling Victorian Building with stone stairs up to it's four floors. The boys, I'm sure, would have loved the “mischief available”!



78. Clapham at Notre Dame, school cut in two by Battersea Park Road



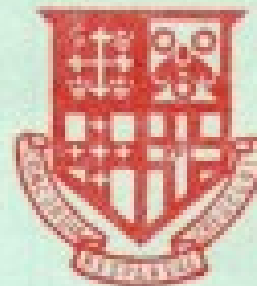
79. Staff Structure of Clapham College at N.D. 1985/86

STAFF STRUCTURE 1985 - 1986

HEAD	-	MR R. SPARKS	
DEPUTY HEAD	-	MR J. BRENNAN	
SECOND DEPUTY	-	MR S. FELICE-PACE	
DIRECTOR OF STUDIES	-	MR M. CASSERLY	
HEADS OF YEAR	-	MR D. KULIGOWSKI	- 2nd & 3rd YEARS
		MR D. WATKINSON	- 4th YEAR
		MR P. DAVIDSON	- 5th YEAR
HEADS OF DEPARTMENT	-	MR J. WRIGHT	- SCIENCE
		MR D. BRUNWIN	- ENGLISH
		MR R. CASEY	- MATHEMATICS
		MR B. SANDERS	- LANGUAGES
		DR R. FOUNTAIN	- HISTORY
		MR M. BOND	- ART
		MR R. BENNETT	- SOCIOLOGY
		MR M. CONN	- C.D.T.
		MR M. SCANLON	- GEOGRAPHY
		MR G. MORRIS	- MUSIC
		MR S. CEPAL	- P.E.
		MR K. McGLYNN	- R.E.
		MR R. CHATTERTON	- SPECIAL NEEDS
ENGLISH	-	MRS A. REEVES	
		MRS J. BARTER	
		MRS C. DAWSON	
MATHEMATICS	-	MISS T. MONTERO	+ CAREERS
		MR L. MYATT	
		MRS S. MACKENZIE	
SCIENCE	-	MR T. CLEGG	
		MRS D. PICART-WILLIAMS	
LANGUAGES	-	MRS M. LEE	
		MRS L. FOX	<i>Mc</i>
C.D.T.	-	MR A. BROWN	
GEOGRAPHY	-	MISS D. ROBINSHAW	
ECONOMICS	-	MR M. GLEESON	
ART	-	MRS M. WILLIAMS	{.5}
		MRS H. NEILAND	{.5}
HOME ECONOMICS	-	MISS G. HUGHES	(0.3)

81. Clapham College Broadsheet, spreads the news from Battersea

CLAPHAM COLLEGE BROADSHEET



November 1985

Dear Parents

The end of another term is in view already, and for many of our boys this means Trial Examinations and all the necessary preparation and revision. Please give every encouragement to your sons if they are in the 5th Year to prepare carefully for these examinations. We usually find that the boys prefer to work at home during the examination period and attend only when they actually have a written test, but we are, of course, always ready to provide facilities for those who need a quiet place to work.

It was pleasant to see many of you at the Annual General Meeting of the P.T.A. and during the afternoon set aside for parents of boys in the 5th Year. As you will know, your support is valued greatly by all of us in the school. Please continue your support and I would ask you, in particular, to ensure that your son's school uniform is complete. Any deficiency in the uniform will be noted by your son's form teacher and you will be contacted accordingly. Problems can easily be avoided by ensuring that blazer, tie, badge, trousers etc. do conform to our regulations.

For many years now, as you will know, we have held our annual Carol Service in the evening. For many reasons the attendance has decreased and has led us to reconsider the timing of this event. Our Carol Service will, this year, be held in the school at 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 16th December. We hope that some parents and guests will be able to attend and join the 3rd and 4th years and the staff in this joyful act of worship.

On behalf of all the staff I should like to wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Yours sincerely

R.W. Sparks
Headmaster

N.B. School resumes at 8.30 a.m. on Monday, 5th January 1987. On Tuesday, 6th January, the Feast of the Epiphany, there will be a Mass at 9.00 a.m. and school will start at 10.00 a.m.

82. Bradley House [built 1988-89]
as a retirement home for the last of the Brothers



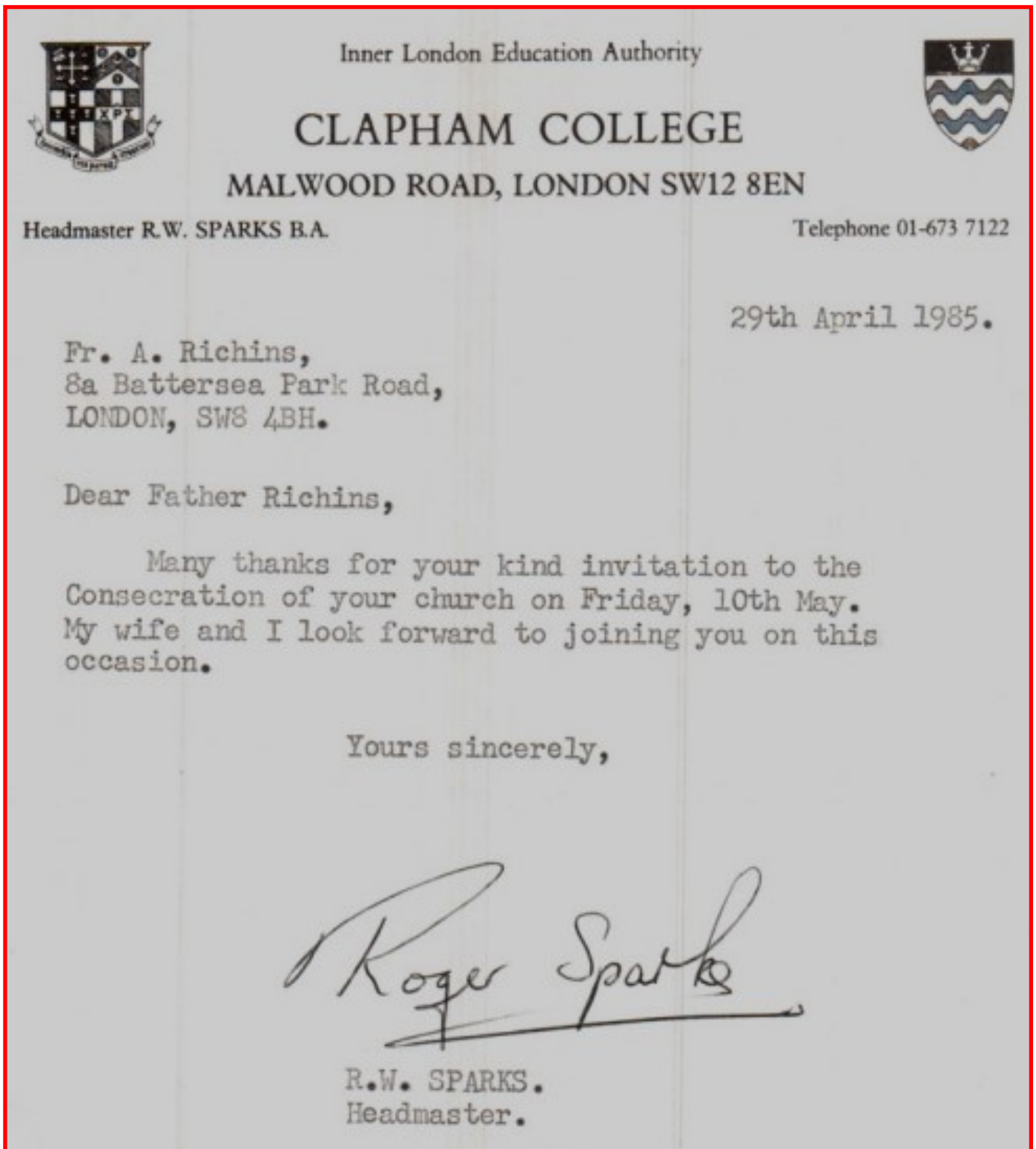
Our own Br. Ambrose lived
and died here

Bradley House.

This is what a 1980s COXA Cricket Touring Party
looked like [could be better!]

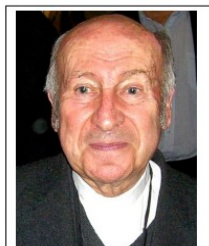


83. Father Tony Richins invites Headmaster Roger Sparks
to the Consecration of his new church



Anthony Richins was born in
1932, the eldest of 4 brothers -
Francis, John (Jake) and Laurence
followed him to Clapham College

Fr Anthony Richins RIP – [29th April 1932 to 6th January 2015] – his 53rd year as a priest.





Can just pick out "Cefai, Scanlon, Sanders and Sparks

School 1989

1983 July – Mr. C. Pocock, Deputy Headmaster, retires.

1984 December – Mr. M. Gleeson retires.

1985 January – Mr. R. Sparks, Headmaster.

July – Clapham College closes on the Clapham site to re-open in September on the site of Notre Dame Girls School, Battersea.

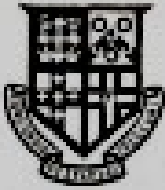
1986 The Notre Dame Convent is sold. Pupils move into the I.L.E.A. building in Raywood Street.

1988 October – Remaining school, boys and staff, spend a week in Italy to mark forthcoming closure.

1989 July – Final closure of Clapham College.

It had to come, July 1989 - final closure of Clapham College

85. Letter from Antony Richins to Roger Sparks [1987]



CLAPHAM COLLEGE

Headmaster R.W. SPARKS B.A.
Deputies: J. Brennan B.A. S. Felice-Pace B.Sc.

149 BATTERSEA PARK ROAD
LONDON SW8 4BH
Tel 01-720 5493

11th June 1987

Dear Parents

Our Annual Report is particularly encouraging. Clapham College is now completing its second year at Battersea. The date of closure some two years away is happily not being approached in any spirit of decline. Curriculum, service to the community and personal development continue to be realized at a good level. We are fortunate to have a dedicated teaching and support staff. The presence of staff and pupils in this parish is very welcome and it is an agreeable duty to be associated with them from my point of view as Parish Priest, as Governor and as a former pupil.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Antony Richins'.

Fr. Anthony Richins

This letter from Father Antony Richins, ex-pupil of Clapham College, as were all of his brothers, and now Chair of Governors, to Roger Sparks.

He praises the efforts of the staff and boys of the school for their dedication and hard work as the school approaches the last two years before closure.

The good thing about Clapham College Battersea was that it was treated and ran like a normal school [without the threat of closure over it]. To this end it was a progressive and happy place - a good basis for success.....

86. Chair of Governors Report 1987

Clapham College is, as you are well aware, a Voluntary Aided Roman Catholic Secondary School which opened, in its present form, in 1975. Due to the re-organisation of schools within the catholic sector in this area of London, it is due to close in July 1989. The aim of the school has always been to create a caring community which reflects our Lord's teaching in all its aspects. Particularly now that the school is very small there is, more than ever before, the need to be one family living our common life of faith.

The subjects on offer in the school have not been allowed to be eroded despite our declining numbers. New areas of interest are constantly under review and this desire to improve our educational provision will not cease until the school actually closes its doors for the last time. Religious Education is not just a matter for timetabled classroom periods but is, hopefully, an experience shared by all in Clapham College, both staff and pupils. Within the context of Religious Education great care is taken over the presentation of matters concerning sex and race. The main feature of any such education must be the insistence upon christian love in its widest context. The school statement on racism is attached.

The range of ability amongst our pupils is, obviously, fairly wide. We continue to offer special help to boys who have particular educational needs. As can be seen from our examination results (attached) our boys continue to acquit themselves well in public examinations.

The school's final allocation of staff for 1986/7 was 28.5 teachers and our office has been run, most efficiently, by two full-time secretaries. The cash allowance for the year was £29,000 of which £12,000 was spent on teaching and support staff. The rest has been allocated to departments for teaching materials. There has been only one change in the staffing since September, namely the retirement of Mr. E. Fountain.

The Governors have the responsibility of managing the maintenance of the building. The only real expenditure this year has been the replacement of windows damaged during the innumerable football games that go on during the day. A change of glazing company has produced a noticeable saving in this area. Your continued co-operation in the collection of the £6 Governors Fund is requested.

Our links with the community and with the police continue to be good. Our programme of Work Experience has enhanced the reputation of the school. Parish links are obviously maintained through the pupils and their families. Our two chaplains, Father Henderson and Father Sanders, are owed a great debt of gratitude for their work in the school and with many of our families outside normal school hours.

The Governors are most indebted to you, the parents, for all the support that you have given the school over the years. The prospects for the remaining pupils have never been brighter and they can look forward to high quality teaching in quite small groups. This should be of great benefit to them in their future examinations.

87. Jan 12th 1987 - Clapham Old Xaverian Teamsheet

CLAPHAM O. XAVERIANS TEAM SHEET No. 17 FOR MATCHES ON SAT (AN. 16th 1987)

<p>1st XI v NAT WEST BANK (AFA Surrey Senior) 2.00 AWAY AT TURTLE RD. NORBURY MEET AT NORBURY STATION 1.00</p>	<p>James M Burke D. Leathan John Leathan D. M'Queeney G. McGowan O'Shea Murphy B. Williams P. Williams</p>
<p>2nd XI v JOSEPHIANS II (L) 2.30 AWAY AT ROUNDSHAW P.F., HANNIBAL WAY, STAFFORD RD. MEET AT MORDEN STATION 1.30 WALLINGTON</p>	<p>Walsh Hartnett Owens O'Brien G. McGuire Dooner Bowers Moriarty J. Burke Stapleton C. Brown</p>
<p>3rd XI v SHENE O.G. II (L) 2.15 HOME AT NORBURY</p>	<p>Barretta M'Kenna Mansi Chez M. McLoughli A. McLoughli J. McLoughli Taggart Bertie Mullane Hixson</p>
<p>4th XI v WOKINGIANS V 2.15 HOME AT RAYNES PARK MEET AT MORDEN STATION 1.30</p>	<p>S. Burke Donoghue J. McGuire Norton Duffy Keogh Myatt R. O'Brien J. Williams Benedict Purcell</p>
<p>5th XI v SEDCOPIANS IV (L) 2.30 AWAY AT HALL PLACE, BOURNE RD. BEXLEY MEET AT NORBURY STATION 1.00</p>	<p>O'Sullivan Kearns P. Charles Garvey Preece Boyd P. Brown L. O'Dwyer Horner Thaler Roszkowski</p>
<p>6th XI v REIGATIANS V (L) 2.15 HOME AT ORCHARD [CHANGE OF KIT] MEET AT NORBURY STATION 1.15</p>	<p>C. Charles Condon Jones Prendergast Murtagh P. O'Brien Collins J. McCarthy B. Theodore Morrison Eli</p>
<p>7th XI v SEDCOPIANS V (L) 2.15 HOME AT ORCHARD MEET AT NORBURY STATION 1.15</p>	<p>Hudson Deherly Ferncombe Mascarenhas Monaghan Macdonald Kavanagh, J. William E. Tope, Ricketts, M'David, Hennessy, L. Tope.</p>

REFS - Needed for 3rd, 4th, 6th & 7th XI Games. Contact KEV CURTIN or EDDIE O'BRIEN if you can help!

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2nd XI R. HARTNETT	403 3537	6th XI M. COLLINS	642 9568
3rd XI E. TAGGART	07375 57505	7th XI S. MACDONALD	658 3188
4th XI N. KEOGH	654 3143	REFS/EMERGENCY	MON-FRI K. CURTIN 764 6285 SAT. MORN. E. O'BRIEN 778 2159

LAST SATS RESULTS

1st XI v LATYMER (L) PP waterlogged	5th XI v WOKINGIANS VI (L) PP waterlogged
2nd XI v NAT WEST II (AFF) L1-2 C. BROWN	6th XI v JOHN FISHER VI (L) L3-4 B. WILLIAMS B. THEODORE (2)
3rd XI v THORTONIANIANS II (L) PP WATERLOGGED	7th XI v DORKINIANIANS VI (L) W6-5 BOLAND TAGGART MIDALD O.G. 2 HENNESSY
4th XI v ABBEYANS III (L) D1-1 PURCELL	

FORTHCOMING 1. Next SATURDAY - Arthur Williams and his band
ATTRACTIONS(?) will be appearing at the Clubhouse 7-7.30
AT

NORBURY 2. American Football Fans - Watch the Superbowl

SUNDAY JANUARY 31st at the Clubhouse 10.30p.m.

See DAVE LEATHEN (69-Nose Guard, Norbury Nobbler) for DETAILS.

THANKS - John McGuire (6th XI ref.) various paper suppliers (anonymous), Eamon (Roy of the Rovers Taggart & 7th XI for last Sat's entertainment. Apologies to C. Kavanagh & B. Ricketts (no claim from I)

88. Clapham Old Xaverian Teamsheet Dec 12th 1987

CLAPHAM O. XAVERIANS TEAM SHEET No. 14 FOR MATCHES ON SAT. DEC. 12th 1987.

<p>1st XI ✓ ORANGE HILL O.B. (L) 2.00 AWAY AT WOODFIELD PARK EXTN. COOL OAK LANE HENDON</p> <p>MEET AT LONDON BRIDGE 12.00</p> <p>2nd XI ✓ MINCHENDENIANS RES (LOB INTERMEDIATE, Rd. 2) 1.45 AWAY AT BRAMLEY RD. SOUTHGATE</p> <p>MEET AT LONDON BRIDGE 12.00</p> <p>3rd XI ✓ IGNATIANS III (LOB JUNIOR RD. 1) 1.45 AWAY AT ENFIELD P.F., DONKEY LANE</p> <p>MEET AT LONDON BRIDGE 12.00</p> <p>4th XI ✓ JOHN FISHER IV (L) 2.00 HOME AT RAYNES PARK</p> <p>MEET AT MORDEN STATION 1.15</p> <p>5th XI ✓ REICATIANS IV (L) VENUE TO BE ARRANGED</p> <p>MEET AT MORDEN STATION 1.00</p> <p>6th XI ✓ SUTTONIANS VII (L) 2.00 HOME AT NORBURY</p> <p>6TH XI responsible for Norbury Rofa.</p> <p>7th XI ✓ STATIONERS VII (LOB NEMEAN Rd. 3) 2.00 HOME AT ORCHARD</p> <p>MEET AT NORBURY STATION 1.00 IF AVAILABLE: D'HERTY (RING S. MACDONALD FRI. EVENING) BOYD</p>	<p>BURKE MCQUEENY LEATHAM D LEATHAM MURPHY THORNTON CEFAL HEATHAM O'SHEA WILLIAMS B WILLIAMS A BARRETTA HARTNETT O'BRIEN OWENS DAVORN DOONER BOWERS BROWN BURKE STAPLETON PUFFY WALSH MCQUEENY CHEZ M. M'LOUGHLIN GALTREY MANSI TAGGART M'GUIRE WILLIAMS PREECE MULLANE BURKE FOX DOVOCHANE M'NICHOLAS KEOCH MORLIARTY A. M'LOUGHLIN SANDERS PURCELL ROSKOWSKI THEODORE HUDSON TOPE J. M'LOUGHLIN GARVEY HEARNS O'BRIEN MYATT NORTON MONAGHAN BENEDICT HORNER A. N. OTHER CONDON JONES O'BRIEN MURTAGH PRENDERGAST COLLINS BERTIE THEODORE MORRISON THALER A. N. OTHER MCARTHY D. O'FLYNN HOLLERAN KAVANAGH KELLY RICHETTS MACDONALD HENNESSY M'DAID WILLIAMS</p>
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3rd XI E. TAGGART 07375 57505	A. MORRISON (Sat. a.m.) 0622 862568
4th XI N. KEOCH 654 3143	7th XI S. MACDONALD 658 3188
REFS. / EMERGENCY No.	K. CURTIN (Mon-Fri) 764 6285
	E. O'BRIEN (Sat. a.m.) 778 2159

LAST SATS RESULTS

1st XI ✓ MEADOWIANS (L) D 2-2 P. WILLIAMS OG	5th XI ✓ IGNATIANS II (AFA) L1-9 BACH
2nd XI ✓ C. CASUALS (AFA) W 3-1 BOWERS BURKE STAPLETON	6th XI ✓ CHERTSEY O.S. IV (L) L1-8 MORRISON
3rd XI ✓ STENE II (L) PP SUTTONIANS IV (E) W 5-1 MULLANE 4, WILLIAMS.	7th XI ✓ REICATIANS VI (L) PP
4th XI ✓ SEDCOPIANS III (L) L 3-5 PURCELL 2 A. M'LOUGHLIN	Opposition failed to turn up.

VETS GAME ✓ BROMLEANS VETS AT BROMLEY - RING SCOTTY 658 3188.
SUNDAY DEC. 13th.

REFS needed - for 4th XI, 5th XI and 7th XI Games - please contact
Kev. Curtin or Eddie O'Brien.

PAPER needed - A4 Duplicating Paper needed for teamsheets.
Contact Kev. Curtin.

CHILDREN'S XMAS PARTY - SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER 1987 - 2pm - 5pm. RING SCOTTY!
658 3188.
STOP PRESS - VETS RESULT ✓ GUILDFORDIANS (CUP) DRAWN 2-2 Scores A. Mansi and Tom Purcell ???

89. Clapham Old Xaverian Teamsheet Jan 30h 1988

CLAPHAM O. XAVERIANS TEAMSHEET No. 19 FOR MATCHES ON SAT. Jan. 30th. 1988

<p>1st XI v IGNATIANS (L) 2-30 AWAY AT ENFIELD P.F. DONKEY LANE off CARTERHATCH LANE ENFIELD.</p> <p>MEET AT LONDON BRIDGE 12-30</p>	<p>BURKE DOONER CEFAL M'QUEENEY MURPHY J. LEATHEN J. LEATHEN D. LEATHEN G. M'CREAN O'SHEA WILLIAMS</p>
<p>2nd XI v SOUTHALLIANS (L) 2-30 HOME AT NORBURY</p>	<p>WALSH G. M'QUIRE OWEN'S O'BRIEN M'KENN HARTNETT BOWERS MORIARTY WILLIAMS MULLANE BROWN</p>
<p>3rd XI v MEADONIANS II (L) 2-30 AWAY AT DUKES MEADOWS, RIVERSIDE DV. CHISWICK, W4</p> <p>MEET AT BALHAM 12-45</p>	<p>THORNTON DAVORN MANSI CHEZ FREECE FRANCIS J. M'LOUGHLIN TAGGART RYAN BURKE SANDERS</p>
<p>4th XI v THORNTONIANS III (L) 2-30 HOME AT RAYNES PARK</p> <p>MEET AT MORDEN STATIONS 1-45</p>	<p>O'SULLIVAN DONOGHUE M. M'LOUGHLIN M'QUIRE RUFFY KEOGH MYATT J. M'LOUGHLIN R. O'BRIEN STAPLETON BERTIE</p>
<p>5th XI v THORNTONIANS IV (L) 2-30 HOME AT RAYNES PARK</p> <p>MEET AT MORDEN STATIONS</p>	<p>C. CHARLES BOYD GARVEY P. CHARLES KEARNS ROZKOWSKI BROWN THALER BENEDICT NORSTON HORNER</p>
<p>6th XI v SINJUNS V (L) AWAY at</p>	<p>FERNCOMBE CONDON JONES PRENDERGAST MURTAGH O'BRIEN COLLINS ELI MASCARENHAS MORRISON B. THEODORE</p>
<p>7th XI v JOHN FISHER VII (L) 2-30 HOME AT ORCHARD</p> <p>MEET AT NORBURY STATIONS 1-30 IF AVAILABLE = J. WILLIAMS. R. JAMES</p>	<p>J. WILLIAMS KENNESY MCDONALD KELLY RICKETTS WEIR HOLLERAN BOLAND L. TOPE KAVANAGH MALDONALD DOHERTY HUDSON MONAGHAN E. TOPE</p>

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LAST SATS	RESULTS

1st XI v FINCUNIAN'S (L) PP.	5th XI v REIGATIANS V (L) PP.
2nd XI v UXONIAN'S (L) PP.	6th XI v GLYN O'B. VII (L) PP
3rd XI v PELHAMIAN'S (L) LI-7 P. WILLIAMS (P)	7th XI v SINJUNS VI (L) PP.
4th XI v REIGATIANS (L) LI-3 MYATT	VETS v WOKINGIAN'S (CUP) W 3-1 ^{Bowers} Macdonald O.G.

VETS v SEDCOPIANS - AWAY SUNDAY JAN 31st. 11-00 RING SCOTTY EARLY IN THE WEEK.
Macdonald Bowers Mansi M'Quire Brown Webber Hixon, Rozkowskij
Boyd Bond James M'Nicholas Garvey [A WIN MEANS 1/4 FINALS].

SUPERBOWL - Next SUNDAY from 10.30 p.m. in the Clubhouse
Drinking beforehand in The Grange, Thornton Heath - check with
Dave Leathem for details. Come on, you Broncos!

£10 SUBS - Captains should have list of debtors, see Derek Rowe.
Blacklist of non-payees likely to be PUBLISHED next wee

90. Old Xaverian Teamsheet - October 10th 1988

CLAPHAM O. XAVERIANS Teamsheet No. 5 for Matches Sat. OCTOBER 10TH '88

1st XI v WOKINGIANS (Friendly) K.O. 3 p.m. James Barretta
 AWAY at Loop Rd. P.F., Loop Rd, Woking Leatham Chez Leatham Gaisford
 MEET at MORDEN STATION 1.30 p.m. C.Brown John Leatham M'Queeney
 A.Williams Cefai P.Williams

2ND XI v GREENFORDIANS II (L). K.O. 3 p.m. M'Kenna G. M'Gowan O'Brien Duffy
 HOME at NORBURY Hartnett Reda Murphy
 2ND XI responsible for Norbury Rota 11 a.m → Flynn Thornton Joe Williams

3RD XI v HAMPTONIANS II (L). K.O. 3 p.m. Mullane
 AWAY at Rectory Farm, Dean Rd, Hanworth Rd, Hampton. Davorn Mansi M'Laughlin M'Guire
 MEET at MORDEN STATION 1.45 p.m. Galtrey Ad. M'Laughlin Preece
 Taggart Purcell J. Burke

4TH XI v PHOENIX O.B. IV (Prelim. Rd. A.F.A. Minor Cup) S. Burke J.
 AWAY at Farnham Park S.F. Beaconsfield Rd, Farnham Royal, Bucks. Donoghue M'Nicholas M'Loughlin Keogh
 MEET at BALHAM *12.45* → K.O. 2.45 p.m. A.M'Loughlin Dooner R'O'Brien
 Roszkowski Benedict Monaghan

5TH XI v DORKINIANS IV (L). K.O. 3.00 p.m. Hudson
 HOME at RAYNES PARK Sanden Bacik P.O'Brien Mascarenha
 MEET at MORDEN STATION 2.15 p.m. Winslade Myatt (C.) Theodore
 Serrao Stapleton Horner

6TH XI v GLYN VII (L). K.O. 3 p.m. O'Sullivan
 HOME at ORCHARD Condon Collins Garvey Philippe
 MEET at NORBURY STATION 2 p.m. Cameron Prendergast P. Brown
 L. Tope Morrison Hickey.

7TH XI v ADDEYANS VI (L). K.O. 3 p.m. Macdonald, Fox, Powell, Foster, Walsh A.
 HOME at ORCHARD Any other old boy(s) available must ring Scotty.
 MEET at NORBURY STATION 2 p.m. Rest of side - schoolboys.

SUNDAY - VETS v WOKINGIANS (J. Perry Vets Cup) Hudson
 11TH HOME at NORBURY K.O. 11 a.m. Group Match. Mansi Bond Tehan Garvey
 OCTOBER ALL VETS. MUST RING SCOTTY 658 3188 Powell Macdonald P. Brown
 THIS WEEK TO CONFIRM AVAILABILITY. Hixson Webber Roszkowski
 SUBS: Lucas, M'Nicholas, J. Boyd.

Unavailable: O'Shea, B. Williams, Bower, Tehan, West, S.M'Guire, Owens, Histon, Kearns, Murtagh, Curtin.
 If available 'phone in: Etele, M'Queen, Cusack, Carrucan

CONTACTS: 1st XI Serge Cefai 684 8152 5th XI Lev Myatt or Kev. Curtin
 2nd XI Roy Hartnett 403 3537 6th XI Mick Collins 642 9568
 3rd XI Eamon Taggart 07375 57505 7th XI Scotty Macdonald 658 3188
 4th XI Neil Keogh 654 3143 REFS - Kevin Curtin 764 6285

LAST SAT'S RESULTS: 1st XI A v Latymer (L) L 0-4 5th XI H v Suttonians VI (L) W 6-3 Stapleton, S.M'Guire, Galtrey, Histon
 2nd XI A v Vaughanians II (L) L 1-3 A. Williams 6th XI A v Reigatians I (L) L 1-4 Morrison
 3rd XI H v Glyn O.B. II (L) L 0-2 7th XI H v Suttonians VIII (L) W 9-0 Kelly, Weir, M'David
 4th XI H v Suttonians V (L) L 1-2 Dooner John Williams, Hellen, Macdonald, Powell

LATE DROP-OUTS 2 teams played with 10 men and lost matches narrowly.
 (1) Captains must ensure that all players selected are available!
 (2) Players who drop out after THURSDAY NIGHT cause massive problems
 Players MUST NOTIFY CAPTAINS as early as possible.

REFEREES No volunteers last Saturday so 2 teams had to play without a ref. This week 3 REFS NEEDED. Please 'phone Kev. Curtin if you can help 764 6285 - a "useless" ref is better than none.

A4 DUPLICATING PAPER URGENTLY REQUIRED. CONTACT KEV. CURTIN

91. Old Xaverian Teamsheet Sat 19th March 1988

CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS TEAM-SHEET NO 26 FOR MATCHES ON SAT 19th MAR '88

1st XI v SUTTONIANS (L) 3.00 AWAY AT NORTHEY AVE. CHEAM MEET AT MORDEN 2.00	WATKINS LEATHEN MURPHY OWENS RYAN M'GOWAN LEATHEN DOONER B. WILLIAMS MULLANE BROWN
2nd XI v SOUTHALLIANS (L) 2.15 AWAY AT NORWOOD HALL, NORWOOD GN. SOUTHALL MEET AT BALTHAM 12.45 [DOUBLE-HEADER].	BARRETTA G. M'GUIRE CHEZ MANSI DAVORN HARTNETT M'QUEENEY O'BRIEN FRANCIS O'SHEA STAPLETON
3rd XI v WOKINGIANS RES (L) 2.30 HOME AT RAYNES PARK MEET AT MORDEN 1.45 (DOUBLE-HEADER).	M. BURKE MCKENNA O'MARA J. M'GUIRE BOWERS M. M'LOUGHLIN SANDERS TAGGART O'MARA THEODORE T. M'LOUGHLIN
4th XI v SUTTONIANS (L) 3.00 AWAY AT PRIEST HILL, BANSTEAD RD, RYELL. MEET AT MORDEN 2.00	O'SULLIVAN WEST P. CHARLES KEOCH DONOCHUE R. O'BRIEN MYATT FOX FREECE ELI ETELE
5th XI v SUTTONIANS (L) 3.00 AWAY AT PRIEST HILL, BANSTEAD RD, RYELL MEET AT MORDEN 2.00	A. N. OTTER MURTAGH GARVEY GALTREY PARRISH KEARNS BROWN O'DWYER ROSKOWSKI C. CHARLES BENEDICT
6th XI v REIGATIANS (L) 3.00 HOME AT NORBURY	S. BURKE CONDON JONES PRENDERGAST O'BRIEN L. TOPE COLLINS DENZIL MCCARTHY BOLAND BROWNE (J).
7th XI v DORKINIANS (L) 3.00 AWAY AT PIXHAM LANE, DORKING. MEET AT MORDEN 1.30.	HUDSON THALER KAUNWACH MACDONALD FATHERY WILLIAMS HOLLERAN TOPE SCOWEN RICKETS M'DAID HENNESSY

IF AVAILABLE PHONE IN: A. M'LOUGHLIN, DAVIS, HUSTON, MONAGHAN NORTON

CONTACTS

1st XI S. CEFAI	684 8152	5th XI P. BROWN	942 0600
2nd XI R. HARTNETT	403 3537	6th XI M. COLLINS	642 9568
3rd XI E. TAGGART	07375 57505	7th XI S. MACDONALD	6658 3188
4th XI N. KEOCH	654 7386	REFS: E. O'BRIEN	778 2159.

LAST SATS RESULTS

1st XI v ORANGE HILL O.B. (L)	LO-1
2nd XI v SUTTONIANS RES (L)	W 1-0 O'BRIEN
3rd XI v SIMONS III (L)	W 3-2 TAGGART BOWERS D. O'MARA
4th XI v SHENE O.G. IV (L)	LO-5
5th XI v ADDYANS IV (L)	W 5-1 HENNESSY 2 ETELE MACDONALD BROWN
6th XI v THORNTONIANS V (L)	W 3-1 BROWNE (J) COLLINS L. TOPE
7th XI v GLYN O.B. V (L)	POSTPONED CLAPHAM UNABLE TO RAISE A TEAM.

£10 FOOTBALL SUBSCRIPTIONS - Each captain must provide details of when or if all players in their team have paid up, to D. ROWE THIS SATURDAY please.

CRICKETERS Cricket Section A.C.M. at NORBURY WEDNESDAY 23rd MARCH 7.30p.m.
 Cricket Dinner FRIDAY, APRIL 22ND, Simeoni's, Drury Lane £12.50 Contact 856 T. AMURA 5723.

Mick Burke's Charity Game SUNDAY MARCH 27TH 3pm. See Separate sheet. SUPPORT THE CAUSE.

REFEREE needed for 6th XI Game. Contact Mick Collins or Eddie O'Brien.

A4 PAPER/ENVELOPES needed urgently. Contact Kevin Curtin 764 6285.

Bro. CHRISTOPHER - Old Boys will be saddened to hear that Bro. Chris died in Manchester last Wednesday 9th March R.I.P.

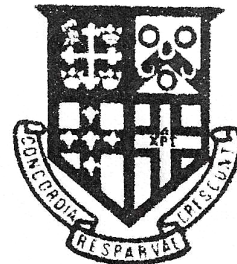
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LEADING GOALSCORERS (INC 28th Feb 87).

15	O'SHEA	3	DAVIS
14	MURPHY		HIXON
13	FREESE		HOWIELLS
12	WILLIAMS JOE		LEATHEN JOHN
10	WILLIAMS B.		MORRISON
9	CEFAI		O'FLYNN M.
	PHELAN		ROSKOWSKI
	WILLIAMS PAUL		THORNTON
8	McLOUGHLIN TOM	2.	HARTNETT
	BENEDICT		HUDSON
7	GTBBS		LYDON
	MONAGHAN		MACDONALD
	O'FLYNN A.		McLOUGHLIN ANTONY
	COLLINS		MCQUEEN
6	BROWN C.		MYATT
	FLYNN		O'BRIEN R.
	KEEGAN		O'DWYER
	McSHANE		POWELL
	SANDERS	1	BARKER MIKE
5	McLOUGHLIN JIM		BOND
	PURCELL		BOWERS
	THOMAS		CARTER
	DANSO-DAPPAH		FAHERTY
	MCGOWAN M.		FOSTER
	PREECE		HISTON
4.	BOLAND		JAMES
	MILTON		JORDON
	THALER		KAVANAGH
	WILLIAMS A		KEOGH
* TAGGART			LATTIMORE A.
			LEATHEN DAVID
			MCDAID
			MCGUIRE J.
			McLOUGHLIN M
			McLOUGHLIN AD
			MCNAMARA
			MCGUIRE L
			MASCARENHAS
			O'BRIEN E.
			SAMUELS
			SMITH P.
			TOPE L
			WEIL
			WILLIAMS JOHN
			WINSLADE

00th goal
for Clapham

COMPILED BY JOE WILLIAMS

93 The Boys of 1980 at Clapham College - COXA knew very few

1980	Akomo-Mordi Kema	1985	5Mo		
1980	Ademwale Ademuligan	1985	5Fx		1980 Hugley Philip
1980	Alleye Mark	1985	5Fx		1980 Insuli John
1980	Amadi Edward	1985	5MI		1980 Johns Billy
1980	Ajuga Kanayo	1985	5Fx		1980 Johnson Steven
1980	Baker Stephen	1985	5MI		1980 Kavanagh Anthony
1980	Barber Roland	1985	5Ev		1980 Keattch Alexander
1980	Bennett Richard	1985	5Cf		1980 Kirk David
1980	Bermarjo Joseph	1985	5Ev		1980 Lally Andrew
1980	Blair Simon	1985	5Cf		1980 Leer John
1980	Bones Stephen	1985	5Fx		1980 Lopes Philip
1980	Boyle Simon	1985	5MI		1980 McArdle Stephen
1980	Brady Sean	1985	5Mo		1980 McArdle Gerard
1980	Brayfield Stephen	1985	5Mo		1980 McAvoy Paul
1980	Brylowski Stephen	1985	5Ev		1980 McBride Stephen
1980	Buckley Robert	1985	5MI		1980 McHale Paul
1980	Burke Michael	1985	5Mo		1980 McGrane Matthew
1980	Buttacavoli Guiseppe	1985	5Mo		1980 McNamara Brendan
1980	Claydon Robert	1985	5MI		1980 McNamara Paul
1980	Clement Gilbert	1985	5Fx		1980 Mahabir Andre
1980	Coppola Enrico	1985	5Ev		1980 Malski Adam
1980	Comnee Joseph	1985	5Mo	Dad /Plunkett Club	1980 Martinez Joseph
1980	Connelly Michael	1985	5Cf		1980 Mehmet Andrew
1980	Coussey Pierre	1985	5Cf		1980 Moore William
1980	Cusano Antonio	1985	5MI		1980 Mulhern Brendan
1980	Cardosa Brendan	1985	5MI		1980 Mullins Darren
1980	Davies Nigel	1985	5Ev		1980 Newton Stanley
1980	De Sa Edward	1985	5Mo		1980 Nolan Patrick
1980	DeSouza Ray	1985	5Cf		1980 O'Brien Eamon
1980	DeGouveia Antonio	1985	5Fx		1980 O'Brien Dermott
1980	Donnolly Raymond	1985	5MI		1980 O'Donnell Nigel
1980	Doyle Matthew	1985	5Cf		1980 O'Farrell Robert
1980	Edwards Patrick	1985	5Mo		1980 O'Leary Jason
1980	Egan Hugh	1985	5Cf		1980 O'Shaughnessy Patrick
1980	Faherty Jason	1985	5Mo		1980 Odoom Augustine [Austin]
1980	Farrell John	1985	5Mo		1980 Ossie Richard
1980	Fernandes Eusebio	1985	5Ev		1980 Perez Joseph
1980	Fernandez Gerard	1985	5Cf		1980 Philips Alexander
1980	Fitzsimmons Gary	1985	5Cf		1980 Phokeerdoss Peter
1980	Foley Gerard	1985	5MI		1980 Pinero
1980	Forrest Richard	1985	5Mo		1980 Pinherio Andrew
1980	Froget Maurice	1985	5Cf		1980 Reynolds Victor
1980	Galanti Tony	1985	5MI		1980 Rodriguez Anthony
1980	Gamma Paul	1985	5Cf		1980 Rooney Anthony
1980	Garvey Robert	1985	5MI		1980 Rooney Martin
1980	Gunn Jason	1985	5MI		1980 Ryan John
1980	Gracias Kenneth	1985	5Cf		1980 Rydzkowski Henry
1980	Grady Paul	1985	5Ev		1980 Sammat Paul
1980	Hanson Mark	1985	5MI		1980 Sandford Matthew
1980	Hoare Robert	1985	5MI	became a teacher	1980 Scanlon Stephen

94. The remainder of the 1980 Clapham College Cohort

1980	Smirraglia Vincent	1985	5Fx	
1980	Sunich Paul	1985	5Ev	
1980	Szymanski Andrew	1985	5MI	Moved to 1st Year SFX
1980	Thaler Neil	1985	5Cf	
1980	Theodore Brian	1985	5MI	brother of Tony
			5M	
1980	Vernon Robert	1985	o	
			5M	
1980	Walls Nicholas	1985	o	
1981	Aliefe Christopher			RIP 1988 - aged 17
1981	Candia Ciro			Headmaster Oliver House Victor Ludorum 1985 Sports Day
1981	D'Mello Nigel			
1981	D'Sousa Antony			
1981	de RhuneJeffery			
1981	Duffy Colin			
1081	Farragher Noel			
1981	Fernandes Christopher			
1981	Foraboschi Ugo			
1981	Hurley Kevin			
1981	Juliani John			
1981	Knopp Adam			
1981	Lam Antua			
1981	Murphy Stephen			
1981	O'Connor Seamus			
1981	O'Donoghue Patrick			
1981	Oladapo Paul			
1981	Paul Slade			
1981	Tully Paul			died in a climbing accident Aged 18



Thus ends ten decades of Clapham College - but not the end of Xaverians in South West London; the 1990s and the 21st Century continue the Xaverian story with S.F.X. and COXA

95. The final years of Clapham College— the end of an Era

This was a momentous decade for Clapham College with the decision to close Clapham, the temporary move to Battersea and the final closure in 1989. In contrast the Old Xaverians went from strength to strength increasing in numbers and events and fielding NINE sides for football every weekend. COXA became dominated by the younger elements, “up” for new ideas and events. In contrast the College went into decline with fewer boys, staff leaving as an “End Date” was set for the closure of the College.

Whilst COXA looked to the “Feeder Schools” and SFX for new Members, the turmoil created within the College was somewhat cushioned by the staff at Clapham who supported the boys and their parents. There were obviously many teachers who left Clapham rather than loitering around for the exaggerated decline of their school. The staff who did stay on did the boys and unmeasurable service, teaching them to the end and giving them the education we all deserve also that sense of worth and value.

Change is inevitable in life and I think Clapham College got it just about correct. Let’s not forget the success of SFX taking over on the Nightingale Lane site.

From a personal point of view most of the content of the “1980s” was made up from COXA articles in Clapper and the documentation on the closing of the school and it’s move to Battersea.

Very few of the pupils at Clapham during this period have added their views and experiences, so possibly I’ve read it wrong! From a COXA point of view many of us thought the Old Xaverians, without the steady stream of new members from Clapham would die. Would SFX still welcome us? What about Norbury and the Diocese? Alfred the Great was built at Norbury - would COXA reach the 21st Century?