



Concordia

Early Summer 2020 - Number 20



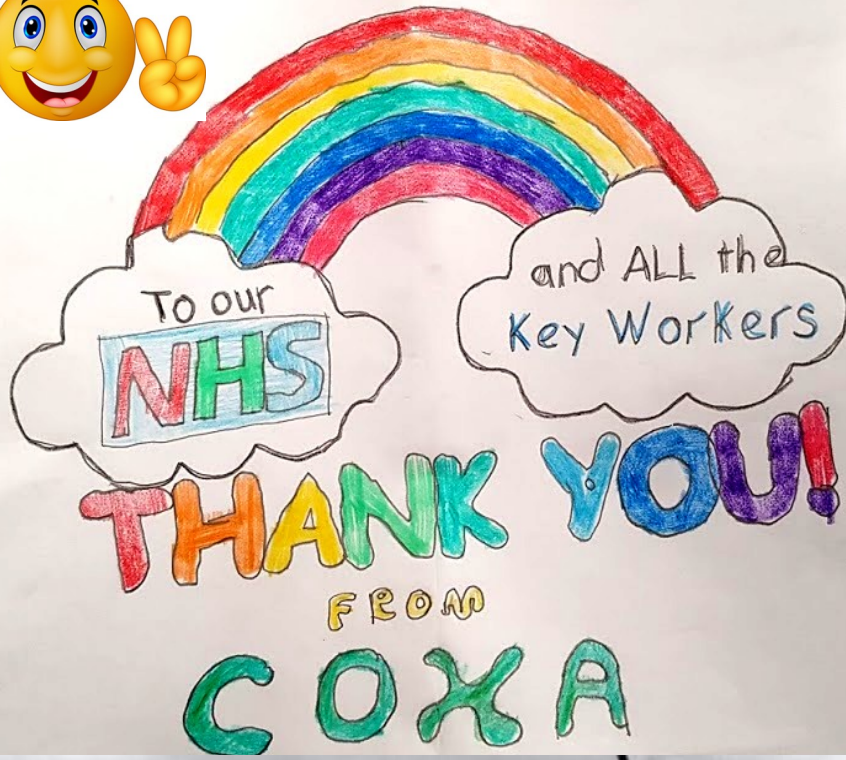
The Late Archbishop Emeritus Peter Smith

21st October 1945 - 6th March 2020 - 76 years old

Peter David Smith was a pupil at Clapham College from 1956 to 1961

Special COXA "Lock Down" Edition COVID-19 May 2020

This Concordia is a month early [boredom of the Editor] & to make Xaverians smile.



Social distancing fines - surely not 2 metres apart

**An Englishman,
an Irishman and
a Scotsman walk
into a bar.**

**Those were
the days...**



Archbishop Peter Smith in 2017



Peter in 2017 and with Eddie after the Remembrance Mass



Archbishop Peter, friend of COXA, at the Chapel Mass on Rem Sunday, he will be sorely missed

Our Archbishop Peter and the Pope



Peter was at Clapham from 1955 to 1961...He was in the Alphas, and a bright boy. Peter was awarded the “Best Effort Prize” in the Third Year [Year 9 for those living in the modern era] and the English Prize in the Fifth Year, he left Clapham College after his A-Levels ...He then moved on to complete his degree at Exeter University and finally on to train for the priesthood at Wonerch.



Peter Smith
+ RIP +

From the Diocese’s website - Archbishop Pete, featuring the Pope and our own Jim Cronin]



Peter in 2015 opening the re-built St Thomas the Apostle College

Our Chairman speaks....



The Chairman's Thoughts for Summer 2020..Stay at Home

.....we can do it. (Or by the time you read this: "We did it!" At time of writing, Boris is back on our screens (this morning, 27th April) and the challenges we are variously charged to execute are proving to be within our reach, mostly. With regard to the Association, your Committee has now held two Zoom Committee Meetings, and you might be nodding as you read this, with the new realities becoming more easily acceptable by the day...

In among all the exigencies of these times, many would have heard of the sad passing of our friend, Peter Smith, Archbishop of Southwark until his recent retirement. A great friend of the School and the Association, and amid the lockdown, he was laid to rest with none of us able to pay our respects.. The Committee hope that our Remembrance Mass in November will be an opportunity to memorialise Peter and any other OXs, family and friends, who have been gathered without due ceremony. (Mick Fitzgerald, beloved of the Taggart/Thornton/Longworth family comes to mind, as does Brenda Hook, Don Mulvihill's sister, and Jean Corey, Malcolm's wife, all great friends of the Association.)

Stuff has been cancelled, and many of us will be sad about that, but not distraught; bigger things pertain. The Somme Trip, as it is best known is postponed until next year. The Association's deposits will be valid for next year, thanks to some great work on your behalf by Mick McLoughlin. The Golf Day will be some kind of "Unplugged" event, so don't take the 26th June 2020 out of your Calendar. There will be golf, there will be a Champion but there will not be any of the appurtenant food and drinks/presentation fol-de-rol (technical golf term). I'm hopeful that Jake's Garden visit will also go ahead, but the Great Man will have to decide, and he can call the rules on social distancing if he does. Anyone who attempts to social-distance me from Lady Richens' rock cakes will find themselves a bit closer than two metres from a bunch of fives!

Some End-of-an-Era stuff to relate. After decades (almost a century?) of Football and Cricket at Clapham, the two Sections find themselves at a fork in the road. Neither section has an over-abundance of COXA players; quite the opposite, and the Association finds itself, in the modern world, increasingly unable to support the sections in the context of the respective leagues, the law, and society. That support for the Cricket Section has gone has saddened and angered some, and with good reason, but the Team was not the Club anymore. The Football Section is barely better positioned, although the Vets can boast a Clapham Heart, for now. The 1st XI "committed football suicide" and brought ignominy to the Association and its officers. The remaining two league sides are attempting to rescue the situation going forward, but their task is a tough one and in the coming month, we may learn if they have stepped up to the mark with a credible plan. The Vets are charged with the same, but more achievable targets to reach. Both Sections will not, cannot, possibly enjoy a long-term future as the Association and its Committee members hit retirement age and beyond. Many (many) are long past that. With specific regard to Cricket, I know that to pay tribute to the lifetime's work of Ben Benedict, and in the past 20 years or so, Matthew Benedict will scarcely assuage their disappointment, but a magnificent job it was.

It's been a mad couple of months; please share some of your lock-down experiences with the Editor; uxoricide is a horrible word, but if she failed and you can tell the tale, why not? Share your WFH-Dress Code stories and what it is that you are missing most (the commute, for goodness sake? – that's me...). The Pub; oh my; the Pub...

It is my continuing honour to be your Chairman. See you all soon? David, April 27th 2020



Archbishop Peter David Smith Clapham College 1955-61 RIP



Bishop Peter David Smith

Peter Smith was born on 21 October 1943 in Battersea, London, England. He was educated at Clapham College and studied at Exeter University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in Law.

Peter then undertook studies for the priesthood at St. John's Seminary in Womersley and the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome (earning his doctorate in Canon Law). He was ordained to the priesthood on 5 July 1972. After doing pastoral work from 1972 to 1974, he began teaching Canon Law at his Alma Mater, St John's Seminary, Womersley, in 1977.

Peter then served as a curate in Thornton Heath (1984 - 1985) and as the rector of St John's Seminary (1985–1995). On 21 March 1995, he was appointed Bishop of East Anglia by Pope John Paul II. He received his episcopal consecration on the following 21 May from Cardinal Basil Hume OSB, with Archbishop Michael George Bowen and Bishop Alan Charles Clark serving as co-consecrators.

Peter was later named Archbishop of Cardiff on 26 October 2001, following the resignation of the Capuchin, John Ward, amid controversy about paedophile priests in the archdiocese. Regarding these sexual abuse cases, he declared that he "wanted to help people bind up the wounds and bring healing". He also voiced his opposition to living wills in 2004, fearing that "a proxy could decide to do away with someone for the motive of killing someone". Bishop Smith has been chair of the Catholic Truth Society and the Department for Christian Responsibility and Citizenship within the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales from 1998 to 2019.

Archbishop Peter was also chairman of the Central Religious Advisory Committee (CRAC) of the BBC and ITC from 2001 to 2004. In 2002 he was made a sub-prelate and chaplain of the Venerable Order of Saint John. In 2004 he was made an Honorary Fellow of the University of Wales, Lampeter and also of Cardiff University in 2006.

On 30th April 2010, Bishop Smith was named as the Archbishop of Southwark, replacing Archbishop Kevin McDonald who resigned the see due to ill health. He was installed on 10 June 2010. On the 10 June 2019, his resignation from the pastoral care of the Archdiocese of Southwark was accepted by Pope Francis.

Archbishop Peter Smith celebrated Mass at the 2017 COXA Remembrance Day Service in the Francis Xavier Chapel, he enjoyed the experience, stating that when he was at the back of the Chapel at a 14-year-old schoolboy at Clapham College, he would never have believed that he would return to serve Mass in front of congregation of Clapham old Boys as the Archbishop of Southwark.

As Archbishop, Peter never forgot Clapham College and we were always so proud of him.

The Most Reverend Peter Smith RIP Emeritus Archbishop of Southwark



Archbishop John writes:

It is with great sadness that I write to inform you that Archbishop Peter Smith, our beloved Archbishop Emeritus, died peacefully just before midnight yesterday, Friday 6 March 2020, at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Chelsea.

Archbishop Peter had received the sacraments and prayers of the Church, and his former secretary, Fr Philip Glandfield, was with him when he died. I was able to visit him earlier that evening, together with the Vicar General, Mgr Matthew Dickens, and the Hospital Chaplain, Fr Joseph McCullough. Mr John Toryusen, the Director of the Archdiocese of Southwark Youth Service, accompanied Archbishop Peter during his illness and his time in hospital. Archbishop Peter was visited in hospital by family and friends, and by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, the Archbishop of Westminster.

Archbishop Peter's illness progressed very quickly following his diagnosis of cancer just a few weeks ago. He was a much loved brother, uncle, and friend; a priest of the Archdiocese of Southwark, Rector of St John's Seminary, Womersley, Bishop of East Anglia, Archbishop of Cardiff and Archbishop of Southwark until his retirement in July 2019. While Archbishop of Southwark, he also served from 2014-2015 as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. So many good wishes have been passed to him in the past few weeks, and prayers and Masses offered. Thank you for all of these.

Our gift to Archbishop Peter now is to pray for the repose of his soul, and to remember prayerfully his family, friends and loved ones at their time of loss.

Please pray for Archbishop Peter in your parish intercessions at the Masses this weekend and also offer Mass for him as soon as possible. I would be grateful if you could let any religious in your parish know of Archbishop Peter's death, and also ask the prayers of your parish and school communities.

In a ministry that spanned almost fifty years, Archbishop Peter made an outstanding contribution to the Catholic Church across three dioceses, and nationally through his service on the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Most importantly, he was a disciple who witnessed to Christ with straightforward, splendid faith and radiant joy. Together with the other dioceses in which Archbishop Peter served, we mourn him with enormous affection and deep gratitude for all he gave so willingly and selflessly to so many people.

We are grateful for the care Archbishop Peter received from the staff at the Royal Marsden Hospital.

We now entrust our friend and brother to the Lord whom he served with such faithfulness, generosity and gentleness. May Archbishop Peter rest in peace and rise in glory.

More information about the funeral arrangements for Archbishop Peter will be forthcoming, along with more comprehensive appreciations of Archbishop Peter's life of service.

May the saints and angels welcome him to paradise.
Yours devotedly in Christ

+ John

Once social distancing is over, COXA will hold a Mass for Peter

A memory of Archbishop Peter Smith [from Ben Schwenk]

A few thoughts from Ben Schwenk [one of Archbishop Peter's class mates at Clapham]
"Very sad news about Peter who has succumbed to the dreaded "C". Really sad as the was only some 6 months into his retirement. Apparently, he was diagnosed whilst still in office.

When we had a chat at one of the Chairman's Lunches, Peter expressed surprise that he had been "promoted" to Southwark from Cardiff Diocese. He was looking for a quieter life, not the hustle and bustle of London.

I only really remember Peter from the Sixth Form and Clapham College. Always one of the quiet ones, he did not reveal much about himself, except we knew he was religious as reflected in an article in the school magazine. We thought he was going into Coutts Bank when he left school, but he managed to end up in Exeter University reading Law.

Peter was a brilliant actor, one year being Father Provincial in "The Strong are Lonely", and following this with a grumpy performance as the caretaker in "Frost at Midnight". It was a source of amusement to me that Peter went on to high ecclesiastical office and John Gilhooley, the Pope's legate [in the play], ended up at the Cabinet Office.

May Peter rest in peace. Amen "

COXA Stop Press - [that sound fast...it's not]

Rambles cancelled, gatherings social events cancelled, trips to the Races / Jake's Garden..all cancelled or on hold...football season paused - online Committee "Zoom" Meetings, Golf still there...check for updates.

Difficult times - write to ME! You have the TIME!!

Stella Flannery is leaving her position as Principal SFX - a true friend of the Xaverians



She's leaving!



We'll have a chance to say "goodbye" to Stella soon [hopefully] and at the 2021 Chairman's Lunch

Website[s] -Update - please read and act—log on

We now have two Websites

Frank Barretta runs our main news Website <https://www.claphamoldxaverians.co.uk/>.
Scotty & Aidan oversee the Archive Website:-<https://claphamoldxaverianarchive.com/>

Well Did YOU Log on??

In the last Concordia
[March 2020, Number 19] I “begged”
everyone who got a copy to “log in”
to our new Website.
Did YOU? ...please do.....
It’s for YOU ..and about YOU...

The screenshot shows the Clapham Old Xaverians website. The main header is green with the club crest and navigation links: PHOTO ALBUMS, ALL HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS, ALL VIDEOS, CLUB APP. A user account for 'HI SCOTTY' is visible. The main content area features a news article titled 'THE LATE ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS PETER SMITH - FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS'. A yellow callout box is overlaid on the article with the text 'Our Original Website'. To the right of the screenshot, there is a text box with the heading 'What's New on the Archive Website ?' and several paragraphs of text.

What's New on the Archive Website ?

Many of you ,I know, have “found” the new Clapham Archive More items are added weekly., since the last Concordia additions have been made to the Clapham College “our school” category and Prize Day as well as Cecil Pocock; Many additions to Clapham Buildings and the Special Archive find us on *claphamoldxaerianarchice.com* and for current news “log in” to Frank Barretta’s [main] Website www.claphamoldxaverians.co.uk

Another HUGE advantage is the clarity [for close-ups]100% colour!

WELCOME TO THE CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIAN ARCHIVE

You will find that the 'Publications' category is a good place to start. The rest of the categories will be populated in due course (generally on a weekly basis).

If you have any comments, items you would like to add or having difficulty finding something of interest to you please get in touch with Scotty.

This is not a substitute for our main website which can be still found at <https://www.claphamoldxaverians.co.uk/>.

claphamoldxaverianarchive.com

CATEGORIES

Our new Achieve Website

Clapham at War

Clapham College Our School

Clapham Old Boys

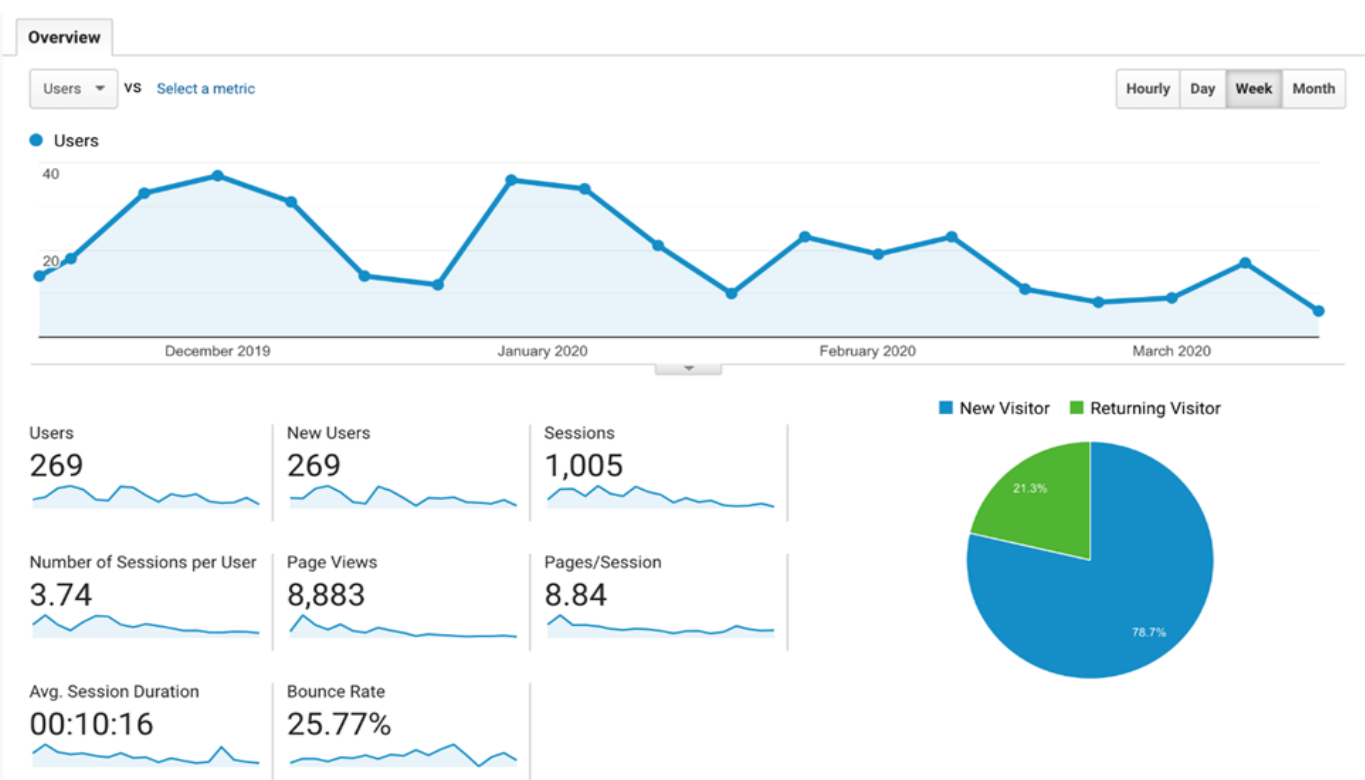
We “need” you “All” to log onto our two Websites this month 1. To get up-to-date COXA news & 2. The new Archive Website to get your views/comments; email me donmiamac1234@sky.com

COXA Archive Web Site - statistics

I have attached a word document showing the activity and attacks on our archive site as provided by our Web-Guy. He reports the viewings have dipped a little, but that is in line with all web sites at the moment as most users of the web are looking at coronavirus topics. He believes we should be advertising the website to our membership at every opportunity.

I was amazed by the information showing over 4000 attacks on the site in just one week. The spread of countries is fascinating. Some of the attempts, I am told, are from government agencies. A further 300 attempts have been made to break our administration password. Currently, someone or a machine in Spain is repeatedly trying to find the administration password. Our man has no concerns and says it is all perfectly normal

Membership Numbers



These are the latest statistics and graphs on the new Archive Website

I am no expert on what they mean, but it shows Xaverians [and “others” from different countries of the world] are logging in.

The COXA Archive is not a logically-laid-out, chronological encyclopaedia of Clapham College and the Old Xaverians, it is a bit like us Xaverians, illogical, scatty, random, but gives us the opportunity to reminisce and have a chuckle. If the above sounds like you, and your Association “log on” and give it a go...and if you know better, have better or have a comment criticising [or indeed praising] get in touch as always **donmiamac1234@sky.com** or post **29 Greenhurst Drive RH19 3NE**

Brother Dunstan's Diary - and a "bout" of lazy journalism

More from the "Brother Dunstan Portfolio" On the next three pages are copies of three documents from Brother Dunstan's files. There are "duplicates I know and page 12 seems to follow on from Page 11. Brother Dunstan kept in touch with many of those who went on to train for the Priesthood, or Religious Orders. I know I saw an article in the "Mid-60s" that "boasted" of 50 [plus] priest from Clapham College. The Religious Order "count" was not publicised. I've been lazy [and was a little confused] on how to "tot-up" the numbers.

Clapham College Old Boy
Priests or Religious.

- ✓ Mgr. Canon Bernard Cahill. ✓
 - ✓ " Bishop Beck, A.A. ✓
 - ✓ Father J. Warrilow, O.S.B. ✓
 - ✓ " Simon Cumming, O.C.R. ✓
 - " Dunstan Dobbings, O.F.M. Cap. MA ✓
 - " Lumley-Holmes, C.SSR. 1927
 - " P. Houlihan, W.F. 1932
 - ✓ " R. Cumming.
 - ✓ " A. Cumming.
 - ✓ " J. Austin.
 - " D. Greenstock.
 - " M. Curtin. 1931
 - " G A2 Furey. B. Sc. 1924
 - " J. Furey. 1925
 - ✓ " M. Lynam. Lynam.
 - " J. Gualzatta. 1936
 - " P. Pierce. 1933
 - " J.C. Price. 1923
 - " P. Best. 1939 ✓
 - ✓ E and R. Redding. ✓
 - " R. Hickey.
 - ✓ " O. Bussy.
 - " P. King. ✓
 - " T. Tanner.
 - ✓ " J. Paine, S.J. ✓
 - " C. Murtagh. 1937
 - " M. Creech, C.S.S.R. 1940
 - ✓ " Mark Ambrose, S.J. R.I.P. ✓
 - ✓ " F. Young. R.I.P.
 - ✓ " B. McFadden. R.I.P. ✓
 - ✓ " J. Slocombe, R.I.P. ✓
 - ✓ " J. Beck R.I.P. ✓
- ~~Fr. Bradley~~
- Philip Cumming
- Fr. Clinton 1944
-
- 1949
 Burnham A. Richins. 1942 At the Seminary.
 J.E. Mead. T. Creech. M. Ives. Bell 1937
 A. McQuiggan. P. Bench.

Clapham College and/or
(Bro. Dunstan's former students, now priests)

Bertrand Mc Fadden	1897	R.I.P
Reginald Redding	1897	
Edmund Redding	1897	
Wilfrid Corbishley	1897	R.I.P.
Marcus Ambrose S.J.	1898	R.I.P.
Hugh? Cuming	1899	
Peter P.? King	1906	
Dunstan Dobbins O.F.M	1907	R.I.P.
Osward Bussey. (Cape)	1910	↑
Simon? Cuming O.C.R.		
John Paine S.J.	1910	
John Slocombe	1911	R.I.P.
Francis Young	1912	R.I.P.
Bernard Cahill	1913	1909
Roderick Cuming	1913	
Alfred Cuming	1913	
George A Beck A.A.	1913	
John Beck	1913	R.I.P
Michael Lynam	1914	
Kevin Booth S.J.	1915	
James Austin	1916	
Reverend Bernard Janner	1917	
Joseph Warrilow O.S.B	1920	
David Greenstock	1920	
Campbell Price	1923	
Gerald Furey	1924	
James Furey	1925	
Lumley Holmes C.S.S.R	1927	
Michael Curtin	1931	
Patrick Houlihan W. #	1932	
Garry Pierce	1933	
Patrick Best	1939	

Brother Dunstan's "Priests" ..continued.....

John Gualzatta 1936
 Cyril Murlagh 1937
 Michael Creech C.S.S.R. 1945
 James Clinton 1945 R.I.P.
 Anthony Richins 1942
 Anthony Burnham 1949

At the Seminary
 K. Bell
 N. Iress
 J. Creech
 J. Mead
 J. M^cQuiggan
 P. Bench

{ 1917 R. Cumming 1899
 1928 A. Cumming 1913
 R. Cumming "

Simon Cumming
 Leonard Macchant

not on O.B. list { N. Ivala S.J } Spain
 " " S.J }

BROTHER DUNSTAN (James Hill)
 Born: Alston, Lancashire, England, January 2, 1885
 Died: Mayfield, England, March 2, 1979

Patriarchal Brother Dunstan died at ninety-four, having been a member of the Congregation for seventy-nine years. He had entered in 1900 from Mayfield where he and his brother John were enrolled. His life had been Clapham College where he taught chemistry from 1914 until his retirement in 1950. He remained on in residence until we disposed of the property in 1970. His subsequent days were a cross of deprivation. Clapham Common, Nightingale Lane, and Clapham College were his sinew and bone. He was lost even at Mayfield, especially when his eyesight failed. Death spared him from his great dread -- a nursing home.

Who was Brother Dunstan, why was he so important to Clapham College and COXA?
 His brief entry in the Xaverian Menology doesn't really do him credit
 We "Xaverians" know his legend.

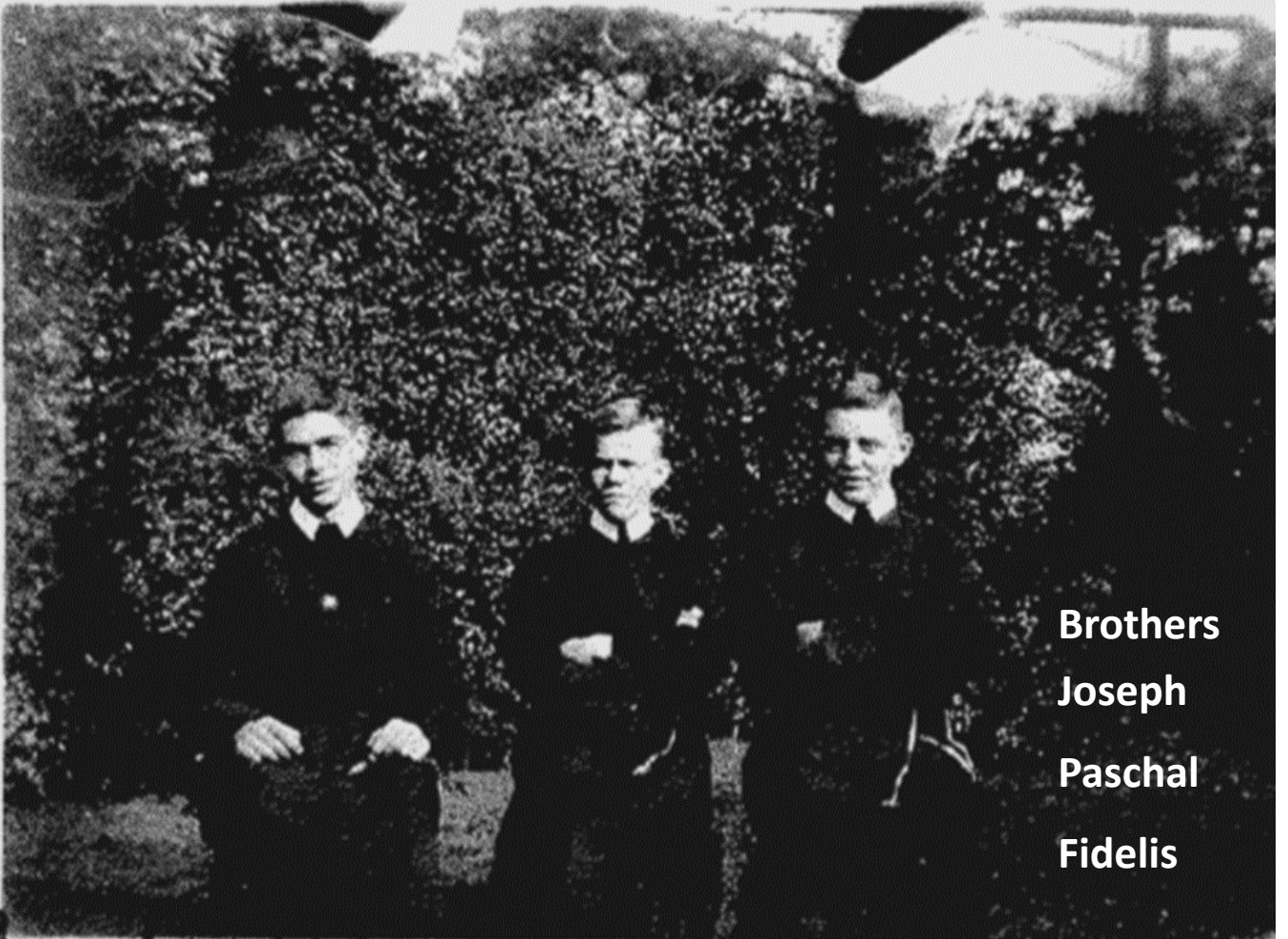
Brother Dunstan [in the 1970s] on a trip to Rome



This is better viewed online [for close-ups]...More photos from Brother Dunstan's Collection, the top photo shows him on a trip to Rome, he must have been in his late 80s. He is in the back row, third from the left. Everyone at Clapham, boys and staff loved him. He was a Science teacher, yes, but we all thought of him affectionately as a "nutty professor" - loved an explosion! The photo below [1950s] "blow it up" online, boys going up the fire-escape to Geography. The corrugated iron toilet roof...it's the end of "playtime" older boys in long trousers, younger boys in shorts and caps...halcyon times.....any thoughts / comments?



Two more of Brother Dunstan's Snaps - "eight Brothers"



Brothers
Joseph
Paschal
Fidelis

Brs. Joseph Paschal Fidelis



1931 Bros.
Louis,
Edward,
Dunstan,
Pius and
"A.N.
Other" at
the back!

Clapham
1931

Brothers
Louis
Edward
Dunstan
Pius

The Brother Dunstan Collection - continued



Brother Dunstan [in his “nineties” with Brother xxx]



GPO * GREETINGS TELEGRAM *

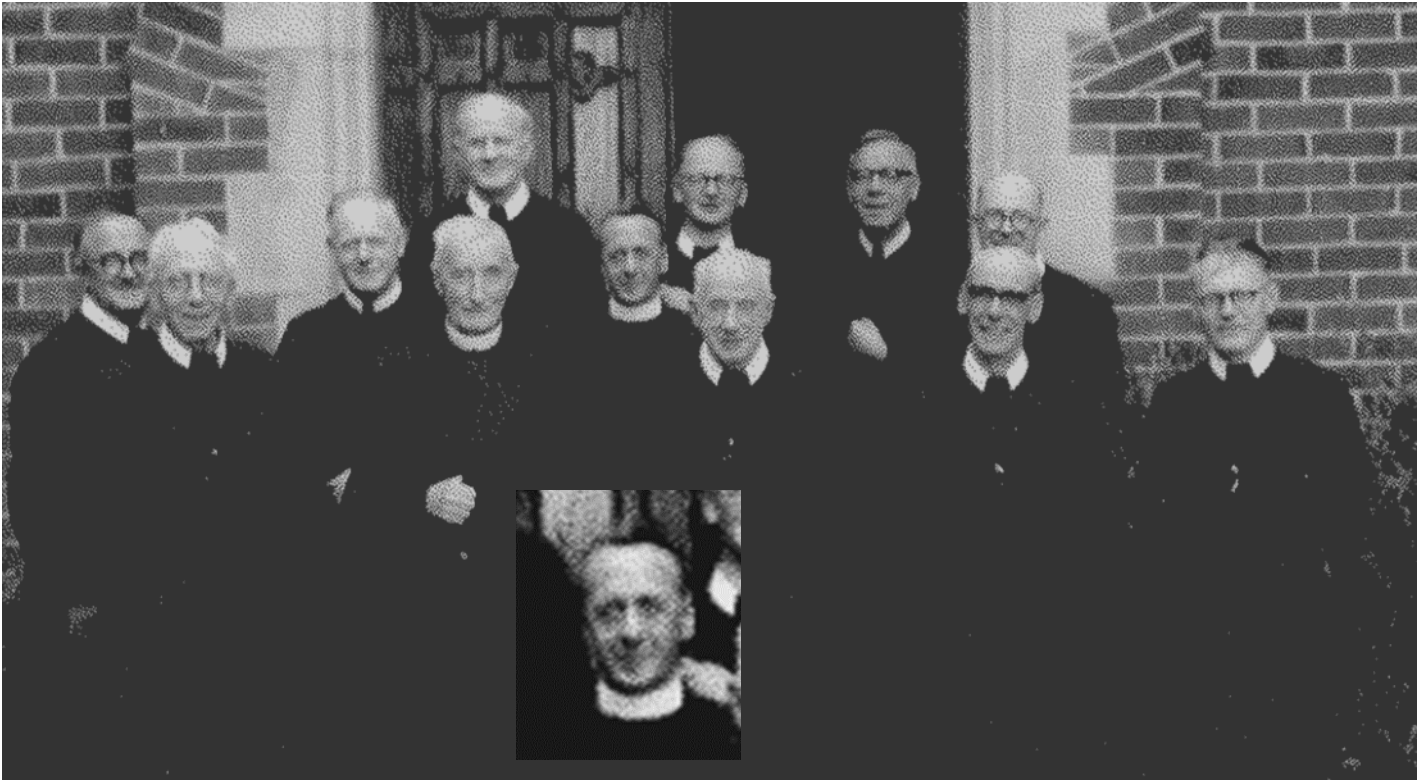
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CONGRATULATIONS ON THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY FROM =
THE CLAPHAM OLD AVERIANS ASSOCIATION +

A Telegram [remember those] - sorry to our “younger readers”. Sent from COXA to Brother Dunstan congratulating him on his **SEVENTY** Years as a Xvaerian Brother, he was “the constant” at Clapham College from 1914 [when he joined us] to almost 1980..a stunning era...

OK....a Challenge here for those readers who “action” when asked



I have no idea about this photograph. It's of English Xaverian Brothers, possibly a Conference, or, with Brother Chris there, maybe a Xaverian Brothers Teacher's Meeting. I don't really have a decent photo in my "collection" of Brother Christopher so I picked him out [inset].



Any "names" - please tell !

This is a very clear photo, must have been a professional "job". Clapham Boys, various ages, Is the 4th from left [back row] Denis Quin? Would this have been in the mid-1940s. Three Xaverian Brothers no idea. The Clapham cap [and the badge] - carefully balanced on one boy's knee. Look, why so many assorted ties? If that is Denis Quin, [Head Boy], poor move!

“Dunny” was recording Clapham History with his camera



The photograph above is of the guest house that Clapham College went down to in the Summer Term for their “Summer School” by the sea at Rottingdean, near Brighton. The “White House” is still in Rottingdean - I have no stories [yet!]...one for the “older” Xaveri-



No “writing” on the back of this photo - Polish Festival at the College - 1960s?

And finally.....a great photograph...but



The final two photographs [for this Edition!] from Brother Dunstan's collection [copied from Notre Dame Archives Indiana, USA]. **Photo 1**, no names, date, location - are they Clapham??



Photograph 2 - this must be **Brother Joseph's** "bash" in the mid-1950s before he left for his brief, tragic mission to Africa. A "young" **Brother Peter** "my dear", and next to him the Archbishop who was the guest of honour - Pete probably knew him a "**Johnny**" too!!

Was this a fiddle - anyone ever win the car, electric refrigerator, or tape recorder?

Did we even get the "guaranteed prize"? - come on Brian, the Statute of Limitations has passed!

THE OLD CAMDENIANS FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS CLUB.

CHRISTMAS DRAW 1967.

July, 1967.

LARGE PROFITS - 400 %.

LARGE PRIZES. - 1st prize

A CAR

B.W.D. Oldrey, Esq.,
79, Corinne Road,
LONDON. N.19.

Telephone - 607 4278.

Dear Sir,

Most Clubs need money and many are finding that co-operation with other clubs is the most attractive and profitable way of raising it. A draw involving several clubs can offer more valuable prizes, reduce expenses and increase profits.

For several Christmases now the Old Camdenians Supporters Club in conjunction with the following Clubs has organised a very successful Christmas Draw :-

Holloway School P.T.A.	East Barnet O.G.	Old Guilfordians
Old Cholmeleians	John Fisher O.B.	Minchenden Old Pupils.
Old Wokingians.F.C.	Old Tenisonians	Old Westhamians.F.C.
Old Ealoniens.F.C.	Old Isleworthians.	Old Kingsburians
Old Manorians.F.C.	Old Tollingtonians	Pinner South C.C.
Glynn Old Boys.F.C.	Leyton County O.B.	Old Addeyans.F.C.
Old Danes F.C.	Old Dorkinians.F.C.	Old Egbertians.F.C.
Old Langleyans.F.C	Old Meadonians	Old Regents
Old Salvatorians	Old Sinjuns	Old Southallians
Old Suttonians.F.C.	Phoenix Old Boys	Wembley.OG.F.C.
Albanians	Old Challoners	Old Aloysians
Old Uxonians	Old Ignatian.F.C.	Old Reigatians.
Stanwell Cricket Club	The Phoenixians	Old Uffingtonians
Old Stationers	Old Josephians	Latymer Old Boys.
Old Paludians	Old Hendonians	Old Camdenians.
Windsor & Eton Athletic Club		Wood Green O.G.F.C.

Last year the first prize was A MINI-CAR, the second prize AN ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR, the third prize A TAPE RECORDER. PLUS 205 CONSELLATION PRIZES. Every Club is guaranteed at least one prize.

We propose to organise a similar competition this Christmas (1967). We hope to attract the support of even more Clubs on this occasion and our aim is to substantially increase the prizes by this means. Full details of our competition are set out on the enclosed sheet.

If you are interested in the scheme, please return to me, as soon as possible, the attached form. Please do not hesitate to contact me - or Mr. Brian Turner, 44 Tytherton Road, London. N.19. (Tele: 272 6684) if you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,
B.W.D. Oldrey
O. Camdenians Supporters Club.

Xaverians Abroad - Clapham Expats - in exile - gone, but not forgotten - COXA Members

Warning to Xaverians living abroad, John Coll John Nash John MCGowan Michael Turvey Laurie Mullane, Tony Jimenez, Chris Megoran, Peter Kirby, Sean O'Connell - this was a title of a piece [with photos] I was going to write before coronavirus, so I pulled it. I will run it next edition, so contact me with good "copy", before I run my version! An elite Band - that I know of.. Please inform me, of any I've missed!

Cutting Room Floor - bits and pieces [left over] - randomly deposited

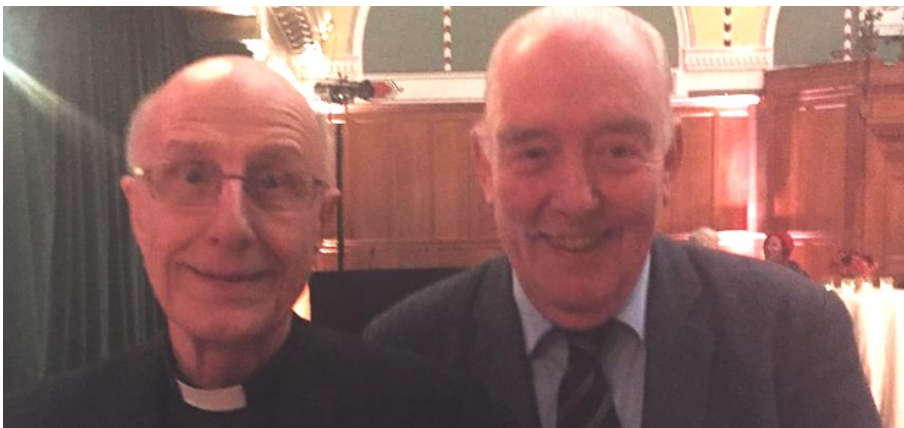
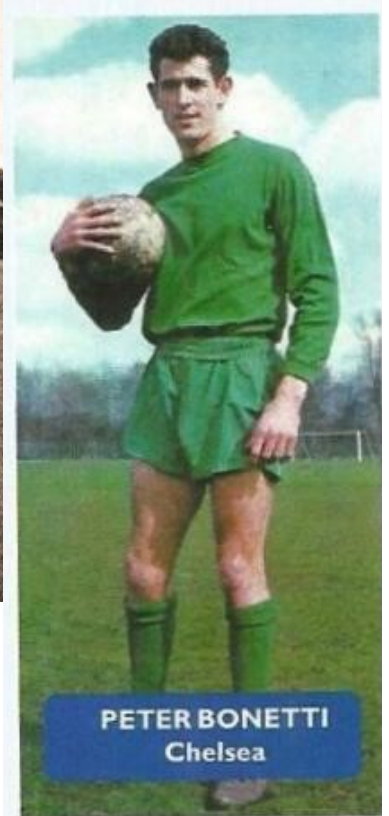


Ramblers "on hold" - the second we can start, we'll be off again



Cecil [the umpire] one of his multitude of talents - was he any good? Recognise any one?

Peter Bonetti - Brighton Old Xaverian recently passed away. Seven England caps and 700 Chelsea games + RIP The Cat +



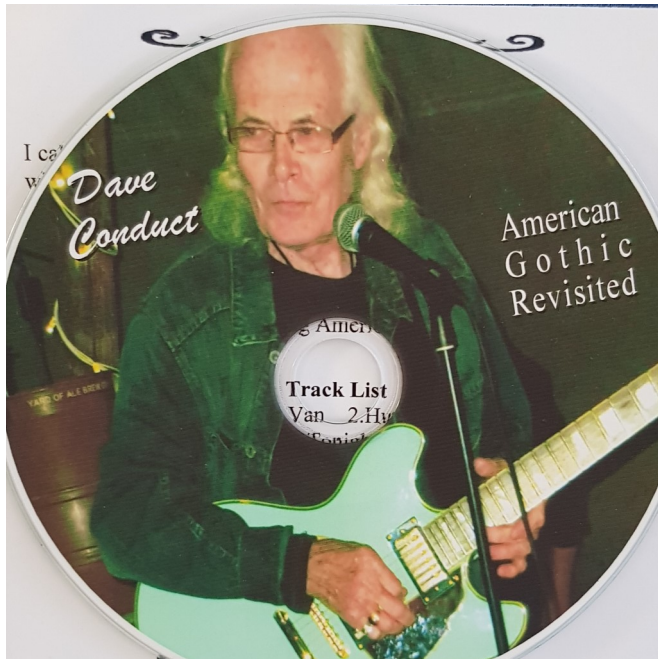
Colin Garvey and Vlad Felzmann at Vlad's 80th Anniversary mass at Westminster Cathedral. This has been a very "Religious Concordia" but "good copy", I think [Ed]

Introducing your Committee - Number 3 - Mick Power

Mick Power “joins” the illustrious long-serving Committee Members [Ted and Brian] in this series of “know you Committee”. Mick very quietly [and behind the scenes] works diligently for COXA. He is our Bar Manager and a great deal of the set-up, “look” and profits of the Bar are due to Mick’s careful stewardship. The Bar is actually runs at a PROFIT... Mick Power started at Clapham College in 1953 and joined the “A” group. He excelled in both football and cricket and his efforts “in class” got him a position at the GLC [remember that?] where he worked [on that roundabout near Waterloo Bridge] until retirement. Mick was a ever-present in COXA Cricket for years and then ran and skippered the 3rd and 4th XI Football teams [he was just one of those “born” captains and leaders]. Couldn’t really go as far as saying I saw his score a goal for COXA. He was an old fashioned [Jack Charlton-type centre-half.] His passion for bowls is equalled by his diligence in organising the Chairman’s Lunch - another “**COXA legend**”



David Conduct—Revisited



American Gothic - Revisited

I call this collection of songs "American Gothic Revisited" with a respectful nod to David Ackles' classic album "American Gothic" which was released in 1972. Two of the tracks from that album are included here: "Waiting For The Moving Van" and "Montana Song". The other tracks reflect in turn the influence of the musical hero, the American Civil War, Appalachia, the Wild West and the Blues in shaping Americana. D. Conduct

Track List

1. Waiting For The Moving Van
2. Hurt
3. Elvis Presley Blues
4. I Feel Like Hank Williams Tonight
5. Johnny Reb
6. The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down
7. Pretty Saro
8. Desperadoes Waiting For A Train
9. Broken Arrow
10. Blind Willie McTell
11. Soul Of A Man
12. Black Girl
13. Tired Of Dying
14. Montana Song

Additional Bass / Acoustic & Electric Guitars - Kevin Tweddle
Recorded & Mixed at KTMS Studios - Durham



Dave Conduct has been the "source" of many photos and articles over the years. He also sends me copies of his latest books. His last "package" included his latest CD. So I thought I'd showcase his progress from acoustic to electric guitar. **Keep on rocking David.....**

It was with sadness that I heard in mid-April that **Bryan Snalune**, the first Principal of SFX, had died. Bryan, a Yorkshireman from Sheffield, started his teaching career in the 1960s at Wimbledon College, teaching French and Spanish. By the 1970s he had become Deputy Head. In 1977 he was appointed Headteacher of Bishop Thomas Grant School in Streatham. In the 1980s, a Diocesan Education Plan for South London, stated that there would be two Catholic Sixth Form Colleges, with one of the sites at Clapham College. Clapham College itself would move to Battersea, prior to closing, the other Catholic Secondary Schools in South London would send their 6th Formers to Clapham. Bryan was appointed the first Principal of St Francis Xavier College, a position he held for ten years until retirement. Thanks to Bryan, and the excellent staff, SFX became an outstanding Catholic Sixth Form College. His excellent work has been carried on by subsequent principals, **Bernie Borland** and **Stella Flannery**. Bryan was a great man. Rest in peace..... **Colin Garvey**

1951 - Clapham Prefects were "real men"



Clapham College Prefects 1951.

It seemed a Clapham tradition to take a photograph each year of the "new set" of Prefects. If you have one like this, "buried" for nearly 70 years, please dig it out and share it [any names would be a bonus!].

I found this photo in the pages of a book...probably been there since October 1951. All it says on the back [in very feint pencil]. Is "Prefects 1951 [October]"..
Back Row - K. Carroll, P Hughes, A. Morrish, P. Butler, S. Ravetto, R. Quinlan [L.G.]
Front Row – P. Freddi [L.G.] B. Plummer [J.] Minghi [School Captain]

Having a database I discovered the following... [K] = Kevin Carrol, Officer Cadet [worked in Australia House], [P] = Peter Hughes [born 1933] evacuated to Taunton, worked as a Lecturer, moved to the USA, Charterhouse, Royal Marine [Gibraltar] and Scuba Diver, [A] = Anthony, "Tony" Morrish, COXA Committee, Sportsman, athletics & football, Company Director, RIP 2019, Captain Glastonbury ["A" class], lived in Alderbrook Road, Grenadier Guard, active Xaverian, [P] = "Paddy" ["A" class], moved to Hong Kong, worked as chemist Colgate-Palmolive [S] = Savio [became a doctor] trained in Aarhus University Denmark, then Uni College Hosp. [P] Peter Freddi [RAF], COXA Committee, Insurance Broker, [B] = Bernard Plummer, School Captain, passed A-Levels, trained Queen Mary's College [Geography] his 1952 speech Latin – Page 18 Concordia R = Ray Quinlan, Cricket Captain, Merton College, Oxford [History], [J] = Julian Minghi – born 1933 ["A" class] – studied University of Carolina – [p/t meat porter] National Service as an Army Driver, [cricketer]. Two in the photo "are L.G.s" [what does that stand for?]

None of us are getting younger, share you memories and photos - they are of interest to fellow Xaverians, send them to me -I will put them into Concordia.

Prize Days at Clapham College

CLAPHAM COLLEGE



PRIZE GIVING

in the
SCHOOL HALL

on
WEDNESDAY, 19th MARCH, 1975
at 7.30 p.m.

The first Clapham College Prize Day [that was reported] was in 1900. There is a poor copy of that article on the Archive Website. As well as the usual prizes was one for "Drawing", two for "Good Conduct" one for Borders, one for Day Boys. At 15 prizes for all the boys who managed not to miss one day off for the whole school year! I selected the 1975 "Prize Giving" Programme, for no particular reason, it came from a photocopy - thus the poor quality, Maybe Richard Harris or Jan Luba [the recipients of "The Headmaster's Prize have an original I could lend to "upload".

Ok, during my isolation I've moved onto "ventures new" - Prize days at the College. It wasn't always "Day" at Battersea Town Hall for 15 years it was "Prize Night" [the same at "St Mary's Hall, Clapham Common". It moved on from "Prize Giving" and the much earlier "Prize Distribution". The very first Clapham College Prize Day was in 1900, and it was reported in the Press. Various Bishops and Archbishops were the guest of honour presenting the prizes, probably the most famous was Lord Longford [in the 1950s] on the College Lawn in front of the Headmasters Office..dozens of photos of that day.

ORDER OF EVENTS

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

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

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

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

PRIZE LIST

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

5th YEAR:

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

"O" LEVELS

CURRENT LOWER SIXTH

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

CURRENT UPPER SIXTH (Additional O levels)

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

"A" LEVELS

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

Subject Key:

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

Excuse Poor Quality - but worth including...

6th YEAR:

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

BRO. PETER ARTS PRIZE:

C. HART

BRO. DUNSTAN SCIENCE PRIZE:

J. BURKE

BRO. JOSEPH SPORTS PRIZES:

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

HEADMASTER'S PRIZE FOR SPECIAL SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL:

J. LUBA

HEADMASTER'S PRIZE FOR THE CAPTAIN OF THE SCHOOL:

R. Harris

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES: G.C.E. 1974

O LEVEL: CURRENT 5th FORMS (Anticipated Subjects)

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

Prize Day Programmes on the Website - check the gaps - do you have any?

Date	Location	Copy / Original	
1912-13	Clapham College	Original	1
1937	Clapham College	Original	2
1939 to 1945	No Prize Days ?	WW2	
1954	Clapham College	{But no front Cover}	3
1955	Clapham College	Original	4
1956	Clapham College	Original	5
1957	Clapham College	Original	6
1958	St Marys Hall	Original	7
1959	St Mary's Hall	Original	8
1960	Battersea Town Hall	Original	9
1961	Battersea Town Hall	Original	10
1962	Battersea Town Hall	Original	11
1963	Battersea Town Hall	Original	12
1964	Missing		
1965	Battersea Town Hall	Original	13
1966	Missing		
1967	Battersea Town Hall	Photocopy	14
1968	Battersea Town Hall	Original	15
1969	Battersea Town Hall	Photocopy	16
1970	Missing		
1971	Battersea Town Hall	Photocopy	17
1972	Clapham College	Photocopy	18
1973	Clapham College	Photocopy	19
1974	Missing		
1975	Clapham College	Photocopy	20
1976-1982	Missing		
1983	Clapham College	Online [6 th Form prize day]	21
1984	Clapham College	Online [6 th Form prize day]	22
1985	Clapham College	Online [6 th Form prize day]	23

“Patterns” in that 1975 Prize giving - most O-Levels; Eddie Ojak [12], P Swidzinski [] and A. Szcopiak [9]; I really didn't mind, but, a little unfair, the rest of us were never given the opportunity to take “Polish” - it must have been easy there was a 100% pass rate! The grid above shows the Prize Giving Programmes I have they are all on the Archive Website]. The “Originals/Photocopies” is a “copy” is of poor quality [if you have an original I'd love to scan it and improve the “look”. Found the 1937 Programme screwed up at the bottom of a box - it was a real find [a gem]. Please look on the Website [Archive] - Clapham College “Our School”...look them up find your name - **send me any to complete collection** - Scotty

Te Clapham is't een goed quartier,
'k wil dat er vele waren,
lijk Clapham, in het land daarnaar
wij morgen henenvaren:
nog langen tijd zij Gabriël
hier Bisschops vriend en reisgezel.

Victoria, daar stond hij op
de wacht, om ons te vangen,
met peerd en steert en roozenverwe
op alletwee zijn wangen.
"Alhier!" zei hij, "wat staat gij daar
zoo lange? Of is er brandgevaar?"

Na korten tijd op tafel was
er al dat ate of drank is,
tot vegetable marrow toe,
dat zochte spijsze en kranke is.
Wij zeiden, onder ons getween =
"zoo goed onthaal en is er geen!"

Zoo ging het en zoo bleef het gaan
en alledage smoorden
wij pijpen, menigvuldiglijk,
die man noch wijf en stoorden;
tot dat wij eenmaal, rookens moe,
vertrokken naar Westminster toe.

Daar liep er een de trappen op,
die zei: "Ge moet, mijnheeren,
mij volgen, recht om hooge, langs
die vastgebonden leeren.
Daar krom er een, op't zelve pas,
maar Gabriël toe timid was.

Een ander stuk vol stoutigheid
wierd korts daarna bedreven
van een die in de pijn zat
en die dit heeft geschreven;
geen mensch die't zag en Gabriël
en zei het niet, al wist hij 't wel.

De Cardinal, wilt mij verstaan,
met twee van zijn prelaten,
en heeft die op Westminster krom
niet onbeloend gelaten:
hij kwam naar Clapham teegesnel
en wierd er ook gegabriëld.

Gagabriëld, dat is een woord,
dat zegt hetgeen geen monden,
al had er iemand five or six,
en zouden ooit verkonden:
de goede God, O Gabriël,
die alles weet, hij weet dat wel.

Clapham, 18/9/99.

Guido Gezelle.

The Original of the above, written and signed by the poet, is kept in the archives of Clapham College.

The poem is about Clapham College

A translation of the poem [on Clapham] from page 29

Clapham

It is a good quarter at Clapham,
I want there to be many,
Clapham seems, in the land to which
we sail tomorrow.
For a long time, Gabriel was
here Bishop's friend and traveling companion.

Victoria, there he was on
guard, to catch us
with pears and stares and blushing
on both of his cheeks.
"Here," he said, "what have you been standing there for
so long? Or is there a risk of fire?"

After a short time on the table
there was already that ate or drink,
to vegetable marrow
that is sought after food and sick.
We said our tween:
"So good welcome and there is none!"

So, it went and so it went on
and every day
we smother pipes, many times,
that neither man nor woman and disturb;
until we once smoked,
left for Westminster.

There one of them walked up the stairs,
saying, "Sirs, you must
follow me straight up high, past
those bound doctrines.
There was one climbing on its own,
but Gabriel was too timid.

Another piece of boldness
was shortly after committed
by one who was in pain
and who wrote this:

no man who saw it and Gabriel

Guido Gezelle - stayed at Broadoak, as
the guest of Brother Gabriel in 1899.



Gezelle's statue in Bruges, next to
the lace-making shop



Any idea of
what all this is
about [is it
really "great"?].

"The Poem" - final verses.

The Cardinal, I understand you,
with two of its prelates,
and did
not leave it unrewarded at Westminster :
he rushed to Clapham and was also "Gabriolated" there.

Gabriel, that is a word
that says what no mouths say,
if anyone had five or six
and would ever proclaim:
the good God, O Gabriel,
who knows everything, he knows it.

Clapham, 9/18/99.

PS Where is that "original copy of the poem"? Does someone have it? Is it worth anything? Is this new topic?

Thoughts on the Poem - for a "great", very few of the words rhyme. Wonder if the "great" Gezele ever heard of "Limericks"? PS Brian Sanders made us stop by that statue every year in Bruges, did he know?

Apologies to all those Xaverians who write to me on a regular basis to say "you've already used that one..." But I found this "annotated photograph [think from our "**Northern Correspondent**" - **Conduct**]?" 1] You could never get those "Brownies" to "centre" a photo properly. 2] Didn't **Vlad** have a fine 'head of hair' in 1958. 3] **Colin Luke** - "Legend"

FELZMANN, BELL, LEEDER, IVERS, HOGAN, INSOLE
McDERMOTT, WEDGEWORTH, LUKE, LEEW, BURKHARD
⑩

Sorry, this annotated photo, had this large gap - is it 1958?



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Clapham Brother Menology

Problem with having “The Clapham Archivist” [ME] in overall control of Concordia...as very few of “you out there” send me articles [apologies to the “few”, I pick information/features I feel you need to know about / MIGHT be interested in. Since Brendan and I visited Indiana, USA, a couple of years ago, I have added pieces to “**The Book**”.[news soon], the **New Archive Website** and to **Concordia**. I collected this “Menology” from “Danvers” USA. **Menology** - [from the Greek “meno” - **month** and “olgy” a **body of sciences**. It’s an ecclesiastical calendar of dates of the Xaverian Brothers Worldwide. The book is opened on the anniversary of each of the deceased Brothers [nearly 500].

Introduction

THE XAVERIAN MENOLOGY

Revised January 11, 2016

“In some Congregations there is a beautiful custom of reading the biographies of their deceased members.”

–Brother Isidore, C.F.X.
Foreword to CYRENIAN NO. 1, 1922

“Even after the individual has passed away, the effect of his life continues.”

–Brother Isidore, C.F.X.

“If history they made, let us remember that it is only such to us; it was not history to them, but very commonplace. Our task is to make history that will seem no less striking to generations coming, if we succeed in bequeathing a tomorrow to them worthy in every respect of the yesterday outlined in these pages.”

–Brother Julian, C.F.X.
Foreword to MEN AND DEEDS, 1929

“If these sketches bring to life the men we are to pray for and cause us actively to remember them in our prayers, then they are well worth the hours of effort that have gone into their preparation. I hope that they will fulfill for you their purpose: to give life and meaning to the names read and to discover the heritage which is ours as Xaverians.”

–Brother Nilus, C.F.X.
Introduction to the original publication of the Menology
December 3, 1958

Clapham Brothers Menology

BROTHER LAURENCE (Joseph Howarth)

Born: Blackburn, Lancashire, England, October 26, 1881

Died: Tunbridge Wells, England, January 4, 1954

Brother Laurence entered in September, 1897, when he was not quite sixteen and received the habit on September 8, 1899. He taught at Mayfield, Clapham, and Foxhunt, where he was Superior on two occasions, and at Bruges from 1909 down to 1914 and again from 1930 to 1939. In 1914 he dallied too long at our place in Heist. He and his English boys had to tramp the coast down to Calais, sleeping out in the open. Although arrested as a spy when he was biking in search of stray youngsters, he managed to get clear and put his charges on a steamer out of Calais. He died in his seventy-third year at the Kent and Sussex Hospital in Tunbridge Wells.

BROTHER EDWARD (John Prescott)

Born: Wheelton, Lancashire, England, May 4, 1870

Died: London, England, January 7, 1937

Brother Edward went straight from the Xaverian school in Preston, where he was one of Brother Cuthbert's pupils, to the novitiate at Mayfield. He was in his sixteenth year. Four years later, on June 20, 1889, he received the habit. His first assignment was Hammersmith. He showed special skills as a maker of habits. From Hammersmith, Brother Edward, always addressed as "Teddy," went to Clapham where, except for minor temporary sojourns, he spent the rest of his life. He did make habits at Deeping St. James for a time. With the permission of Brother Paul, the Superior General, Brother Edward visited his relatives in the United States, and he never grew tired of reliving the hospitality he enjoyed during the visit. Brother Edward died of peritonitis at St. James Hospital in Balham, London. At his funeral in Mayfield, Brother Paul remarked, "He had the soul of a child."

Editor's Note - I personally found huge interest in some of the photographs and documents I added in this edition of Concordia [even if a bit haphazard]. My disappointment is on the lack of information I have on them. If anybody reading this Concordia has any information on **anything** please contact me - likewise anything on the "Archive Website".

BROTHER COLUMBA (James Anthony Wallace)

Born: Londonderry, Donegal, Ireland, April 1, 1907

Died: Crowborough, England, January 8, 1997

Born desperately poor, a Protestant in a Catholic part of Ireland, James Wallace was brought up by his grandmother. He left school at 13, preferring to be outdoors in the country working on the farm and in the fields with the animals. He thus learned a lot about nature and retained throughout his life a deep-rooted love, knowledge and appreciation of plants, animals and birds. Eventually he, with other young men of the area, emigrated to London where he went into service as a gentleman's gentleman in a succession of households and establishments including the Turkish Embassy. Since most of his companions from Donegal were Catholics, he was converted and became a very fervent and even pugnacious Catholic concerned to bring others to his newly found faith. Very soon he felt the call to religious life, and on New Year's Day, 1931 entered the Xaverian novitiate at Deeping St. James, taking the name Columba. It was an appropriate choice since St. Columba was a native of Donegal who, as a missionary monk, left his native Ireland to preach the gospel in Scotland and who was also renowned for his love of birds and animals.

Shortly after receiving the habit, the cook at Deeping, Brother Basil (December 28) became seriously ill and Brother Columba was asked to take over, and did so well that he remained in the kitchen for the rest of his working life. During this time he served in most of the brothers' communities in England: Deeping, Foxhunt, Mayfield, Brighton, Manchester, Clapham, Bestbeeck St. Mary and finally Bradley House where he was cook from 1971 to 1977, after which he retired from active life. In these communities he cooked three meals a day seven days a week for the brothers. In some places he was also responsible for school meals for the boys. His was a hard life which could be thankless at times — taken for granted when things were good, complained about when they

Due to my advancing years, and lack of IT skills, Brother Columba's story has been split into two (continued on the next page [35]). Was Brother Columba "Brother Cook", who "lived" in the "dungeon kitchen", to the left, just after you entered the College? There must be a Xaverian "out there" who can confirm Br. Columba was Br. Cook? Did anybody ever get any food? I was always too frightened to descend those stairs. [Scotty]

Brother Columbia - continued

were not. Remembering no doubt his own hard beginnings and early experience of hunger, he would save tidbits and treats for those boys or young brothers whom he thought looked in need of extra nourishment.

But a brother's life is more than the work he does. There is a routine and spirit of prayer, of trying to live more consciously in the presence of God. Because of his duties, Columba could not always be present at community prayer. He would often be found in the kitchen fingering and praying his rosary. His well-thumbed copy of the old Xaverian Manual of Prayer was testimony to his faithfulness to a living rhythm of prayer in spite of obstacles. Such a way of life and of prayer eventually led to a deep acceptance of God's will for him in his last months. In the nursing home just before his death, he said, "If God had wanted me to be a surgeon or someone clever, he would have arranged things differently." Pointing upwards he added, "He knows best." When the time came on January 8, 1997 he was at peace and ready to go. After a funeral Mass in the Mayfield chapel, he was buried with so many of his confrères in the brothers' cemetery there.

BROTHER PETER (John Pointon)

Born: Manchester, England, January 31, 1914

Died: Manchester, England, January 14, 1986

Raised in India where his father was a civil servant, Brother Peter, an Englishman to his fingertips, was the last gasp of the British Raj. Entering in 1932, he was missioned to Mayfield in 1937 where he taught English and geography. In his five years there he became identified by three outstanding qualities: integrity, a deep spirituality, and a remarkable presence in the classroom. He was both admired and envied for a classroom style which was uniquely his. After receiving his Bachelor's degree from Manchester University, Brother Peter taught at Manchester until 1952 when he became the Headmaster at Clapham. Remaining at Clapham until 1970 when the Brothers left London, he worked zealously to develop the school. He stimulated fresh enthusiasm throughout the various departments of the school, even in the athletic department to which he was not naturally drawn. He was most proud of the college's superb Dramatic Society. Throughout all this activity, Brother Peter led without seeming to lead, maintained contact with all the students, and was respected by all. This attitude was reflected among the members of the Old Boys' Association who held him in great esteem. In the early 1960's, Brother Peter did a brief stint at St. John's High School in Shrewsbury where he delighted the students and the Brothers. After the Brothers withdrew from Clapham, he continued to teach at Manchester until retiring in 1976. During the last years of his life, Brother Peter lived with his sister who would have been otherwise alone and visited the Brothers in Manchester regularly



Brother Peter was my Headmaster at Clapham College [1960s]. Another "Xaverian Legend". Those assemblies standing on the drain-cover in the playground; we stood there in Form Lines. Then there was the classic "Where are you going, Johnny?"

PERSONALIA

OLD BOYS JOTTINGS



Florence Eshalomi has just been elected as a Labour MP for Vauxhall She completed her A-Level's at **St Francis Xavier Sixth Form College**.

Vauxhall Majority: 19,612

Eshalomi was selected on the fourth round for the seat, knocking out the Momentum favourite, and Jeremy Corbyn's former political secretary, Katy Clark. London Assembly member for Lambeth and Southwark and a former Brixton Hill Councillor, Eshalomi has previously worked in a number of campaigning and public affairs roles, including for the Runnymede Trust, the Labour Party and the Four Communications Agency. The eldest of three girls, Eshalomi was the first member of her family to go to University, studying Political & International Studies with Law at Middlesex.

Paul Tehan writes - Thanks for the invite but unfortunately I won't be able to attend.

I have been having radiation treatment recently and my activities have been somewhat temporarily curtailed! I now have to feed through a tube and although I can drink sips of clear liquid attending the Chairman's Lunch is beyond me at present. I would love to meet up at Norbury at the next VIP Lunch and sip a small glass of beer. This radiation is truly the gift that keeps on giving. Anyway apart from a few other niggles I'm relatively fine and enjoying retirement.

How are you and your family are keeping well See you soon Paul Tehan

Letter to Brian Sanders - Good to see you again at last week's Remembrance Mass...

Dear Mr Sanders (Sorry, still feels odd calling teachers by their given name!)

I'm still in touch with a few pupils from my year **Herman & Norman Mendonca (Norman's in Australia now), Steven Fernandez, Ian and Chris Diaz, Mick McGilly's** son is a friend of my nephew I think (they met purely by accident... I can tell a story about that), **Cliff and Brandon Cardoso, Paul Pini, Gerald Power, Paul and Frank Barretta** ... and a few others.

I had some sad news about one of our fellow pupils, **Elia Vernazza**. I often think of another who I'd lost touch with; **Vincent Cassidy**, and a few others.

As I mentioned last week, I would like to hear from (post meet-up with) some of the old teachers, I'd love to hear from them if they'd like.....Here's a list - Please pass on my details:

Andrew Cordani: **Romlyn 1 Lynwood Road, Tooting, London SW17 8SB.**

Mr Solomon, Mr Fagan, Mr Kum (Mr Taylor/Mr James?), Mrs Montaro, Mr Richins & Mrs Wright (formerly Miss Mooney?) Mr Davidson, Mr James, Mr Morris / Mr Somerfield / Mr Felice-Pace

Finally, Mr Pocock (I know he's in a Home near Barnes AFAIK, but I have very fond memories of him, and wouldn't mind popping in to see him sometime)

Very best regards, Paul

The Class of 1971 meet again at the 2020 Chairman's Lunch

As we did ten years ago, a group of us decided to meet up to celebrate our now 60th birthday year at the Chairman's Lunch. After a bit of ringing around and the odd message via social media this was the turnout, it was great to catch up with so many old friends. Who would have thought that just two months later we would be celebrating our special year in a Covid 19 lockdown!

Class of 1971 - 78

Class of 1971 /78 (A's & α's) 60th Birthday (1960 - 2020) at 2020 Lunch [see in colour on **Page 47**]



The Year of 1971 - 60 years old and counting, made a great effort to be at the Lunch - how many of "your Year" were there? Any plans for a 2021 re-union [we'll all need a goal for 2021]

Wouldn't it be fabulous if some other Clapham years produced a photo like this?



Clapham Memories from Mickey Burke (St. Gerards)

Well, with only being at Clapham College for two years (1974-1976) after the amalgamation with St. Gerard's I don't recall much, but I do recall a combined Clapham College / St Gerard's football team winning the Catholic Cup in 1975 (?-76) what a great team. We beat Salesians at Norbury in the semi-final after a 1-1 draw at Ewell. I'm pretty sure we went on to win the final 5-1. Unfortunately there was no camera around at the time for a picture.

A quick mention and thanks to teacher **Paul Davidson** (R.I.P) for putting me in touch with the Old Boys around 1978 because without that introduction I would not have had such great friends and times since leaving the School, and still have to this day. He was a great PE teacher and for some reason at St Gerards, usually got to be the Form Teacher for what was called 'the naughty/ thicko class'- the majority of them being in the Stockwell Mob! Lastly, a mention for **Mr Uttley** (R.I.P) for running one of the best school orchestras at the time and 'free' music lessons that we were provided from 11 to 16 courtesy of the ILEA.

Some Memories of Clapham College 1971-78 [Nick Crean]

Here are a few potted memories from my schools days at Clapham many of which we regaled at this year's Chairman's Lunch celebrating our 60th birthday year. Each one has a more detailed story behind it for those of us who were there. **Sporting recollections:**.....Gary Chivers with an audacious chipped back pass over 7 players into Frank Barretta's arms in a 5th Year Cup Match (we were leading 5-0 at the time!)

The unforgettable cricket massacre of getting the 8 Alpha cricket team out for 7. They were terrified of our own "whispering death" fast bowler Micky Moore. So were we and he was on our side. Canterbury dominating the athletics every year, in fact all sport! Missing the final penalty kick in an U18 cup final. We lost 7-6 on pens. Pellet gun wars on the streets of the seaside town of Blankenberge during the 3rd year football tour to Belgium. I remember us all ordering Cinzano in a bar thinking we were so cool! Also on this trip, a group of lads crashed their pedal car into a Mercedes and **Bob James** having to compensate the damage..surely not true; [he's Welsh! Ed]

Personalia - Old Boys Jottings

Watching keen high jumpers do the Fosbury flop in to the school sandpit {paddock}. Fair play. Playing football against the prefects (**Tom O'Dee and Charlie Rettner** et al) when in 1st year. Great way to finish a Friday. Definitely better than the Prefect detention alternative! Joining with St Gerrard's – what an awesome football team between the two schools we had in the 5th Year. Watching **Chris Curran** score a hat-trick for the school 1st XI as we beat the Chelsea Youth Team at their training ground in Mitcham. Even **Eddie McCreadie** was impressed even took his sunglasses off. The indomitable '**Davo**' (**Paul Davison**) – a passionate football coach. A pleasure to play for and loved the team selection meetings. Cross-Country at Richardson- Evans playing fields – a few of us always ran the whole course every time but some other decided to cross the stream a few bridges early, hide in the bushes and then join the field midway so as not to arouse suspicion. **More to follow from Nick in Concordia 21, [plus photos].**

Scotty,... From photo of Campers in the last Concordia

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

The men in the photo are

Front L to R - Len Staines, John Gilhooly, Johnny Utting, Bill Kidd [teacher] Andy Davis, Bill Haley, Laurie Snaith, Alan Faulkner, Kevin Gregory, Middle Row L to R Terry Sullivan, Chris Smith - at back Cecil Pocock .The names were put together by Chris Smith, Peter Fry and me.

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

More from Bill - Nov 2019 RE: Clapham Old Xaverians' Chairman's Lunch - 31st January 2020

Dear **Eddie** I send my apologies for not coming.

The 31st Jan is our 50th wedding anniversary. You will appreciate that I will not be at the Oval.

Yours sincerely, **Bill Haley 1958er.** [seems a rather lame excuse to me! Ed]

I visited **Frank Hixson** in St Georges Hospital Tooting. Earlier in the year. He'd had a triple bypass procedure and the replacement of an aortic heart valve. After an initial worrying 24 hours for his family and friends, Frank is now doing well and expected to make a full recovery - **Aidan**

Gerry Morrison writes to **Aidan**:- I just wanted to thank you once again for our wonderful trip yesterday [Nov 2019]. It was something of a childhood ambition to visit Agincourt after reading of the great feats of Henry V and the longbow men of England & Wales. All captured so wonderfully in Shakespeare's play It was therefore appropriate that Colin signed the Agincourt visitors book 'The Clapham Band of Brothers,' and this point was brought home with our visit to the graves of our Clapham College heroes.

It's only when one stands at their gravesides in these wonderfully manicured cemeteries that the full impact of a lost generation is brought home. Your research on these Clapham soldiers is a real bonus and gives a clear idea of the situation these men faced.

Thank you so much for all that you do...Well done for co-ordinating the trip, and I still feel somewhat uneasy that you didn't accept any pecuniary contributions [no idea! - Ed] from any of us!

With grateful thanks and best wishes, **Gerry Morrison**

More "Personalialia" - apologies - pushed for space [Ed]

Greetings from Glesga, just outside Loch Down

I found the latest copy of Concordia on my doorstep the other morning, dropped off by the agents who look after the place that we used to rent (21 Victoria Crescent etc). When you get a moment mate, can you perhaps change the label to the address below, otherwise I think they're going to get fed up with me, ha!! I'll put my thinking cap on for a piece about the 60th birthday table at the lunch, to be considered for the next edition. [bit late now Tom - maybe try for Nos. 21!

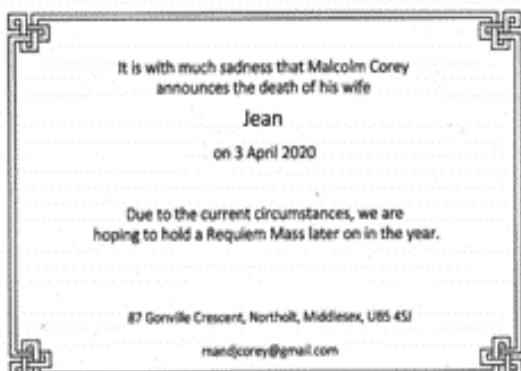
Take care in these unprecedented times, now that you've read this...go wash your hands!! **Tom [Purcell]**

Colin Garvey writes - **Brenda Hook** has died, aged 94. Brenda was the sister of **Don Mulvihill**, one of the stalwarts of COXA. She grew up in the family home in Nightingale Square, where Don lived all his life. Her schooling was at La Retraite (where else?) She married Dennis Hook, another COXA member. (Dennis used to tell an amusing story - the well-known **English teacher at Clapham, Mr McLoughlin**, (Glockie) was well known for giving the pupils a hefty clip round the ear, especially on Monday mornings, when he was red-faced after a weekend in the pub. Dennis knew privately that he had been drinking with **Mr. Mulvihill**, Don and Brenda's father!) Brenda and Dennis had 5 children - Peter, Martin, John (who died from appendicitis), Paul and Anne. Dennis died some years ago, so Brenda moved from Norbury Hill to Surrey to be near Anne and her family. Brenda and Dennis were ever presents at COXA Masses, dances and other events in the 50s, 60s, 70s and beyond. Nobody knew more than Brenda about the early COXA days (especially about members from the Clapham area, like **John Woollard, Pat Griffin, the Cernuschis, Pat Breslin, Derek Rowe and Tony Frost.**) Brenda was a great lady. Rest in peace. Colin Garvey.

Another great lady who recently passed away was **Jean Corey**. She supported the Old Xaverians, attending Lunches and Dances over the last six decades; wife of **Malcolm Corey**. Rest in Peace

Jean did not suffer from the Coronavirus, but had Pancreatic Cancer. She was in Northwick Park Hospital following a fall in the house on 10th March. This left her with a "small" fracture in the hip. After an operation for this, the results of earlier scans showed the Cancer.

I would be lovely to have photos of Jean Corey & Brenda Hook for the next Concordia



Malcolm attended this year's lunch accompanied by his son-in-law **Tim Holton** and he asked to sit with **Brian White**. I believe that they were evacuated together and if so there is no better scribe than Brian who was 90 on 30/12/19. Others on the same table were **Dr Michael Straiton, David Rowles, John Egan and Fr Michael Creech**. Younger, but on the table were **Tony Gilford, Len Luckhurst and Mike Scott**. I hope this is of help. **Mick Power**

Update on Funeral Liturgies for Archbishop Emeritus Peter Smith

With great sadness the Archdiocese of Southwark must announce that the Funeral Liturgies of the late Archbishop Emeritus Peter Smith, which are due to take place on 29th and 30th March, will no longer be open to the public due to current public health concerns.



It is hoped that it will be possible to hold a Mass In Memoriam later this year. Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of our much loved Archbishop Emeritus: may he rest in peace.

Please note that Diocesan Choir rehearsals for the Funeral Liturgies and other forthcoming diocesan services have, by necessity, been cancelled.

We ask parishioners and the general public to check the status of planned meetings and events in Southwark before endeavouring to attend.



Following the pathetic attempt, by myself, to explain Vlad's 80 years of life [50 years a priest], I've included this more accurate report [written by the great man himself!]

COXA 31.1.20

Last year I celebrated 80 years, 50 as a priest. [not to mention 20 as a Monsignor] So here I am, talking. **Communication [If it comes out wrong, may it go in right.]**
Steeplejack hammering motion with closed fist, 7 digits..... thumps chest, whack bum. Boss does not understand. Climbs down and asks. Left tit behind.

4 ages. Young, middle, how well you look. Isn't he/she splendid.

I try to stretch my middle as long as possible. When launched my charity JP2F4S in Archbishop's House, I wanted to demonstrate that - as I learnt 4 words of Italian a day when I landed in Rome 1965 [120/month. 3 months down the road I could enjoy TV and talk] you can always keep on growing, learning. Bit by bit. So I decided to perform 75 push ups.... This morning it was $82 = 80 + \frac{1}{2} + 9$ months in my mother's womb.

The 9s have been important in my life
When born in Prague 39
London 46 Junkers 52 – Where eagles dare[1968]
Opus Dei 59 [left in 82]
Doctor of Theology – summa cum laude – and Ordained 69
In Charge of young people - and Lourdes Pilgrimage - Westminster Diocese 89
As chaplain to Young people I set up SPEC: peer education residential centre at London Colney, near St Albans.
Prelate of Honour – Monsignor - 99
Appointed Visiting professor St Mary's University, Twickenham 2019.

Row backwards into the future

Eriskay 54 [$5+4=9$] climbed up its little hill. Sat down facing west. Suddenly, utterly unexpectedly, I experienced some thing unexpectedly wonderful. When People ask me what, I say it felt like a Personal Pentecost. I fell in love with infinity, the One we call God.

That experience changed my life-style. It enabled me, some 3 years later, to become Head Boy,

Have you see "The Two Popes" on Netflix? Pray and smoke? No. Smoke and pray? OK. Victoria Street 1989 Old Vaughnian [I taught at The Cardinal Vaughan School for almost 12 years] "I never forgot what you said, farver. You said I could Pray at Bus stop. That's wots kept me going."

Prayer has kept me young at heart. Eternity does not age. So far, life has been very kind to me. I am happy to be alive. Life is a like a chessboard. I know the black squares are there. However I focus on the white ones. After all, I was born in Prague.

I heard that at Prague airport in 1965 there was large poster claiming "Everyone one is Happy in Prague". My friend who told me about this, collared a gent also waiting at the bus stop. "How is that?" "When I get home, turn on tap and out comes water, I am happy. If I turn on

The Vlad Flezmann ["true"] story continued....

switch and the light comes on. I am happy. Then there was A knock on door. It's the Secret police, "we have come to arrest Comrade Novak" – and boy am I happy that I am not Comrade Novak."

I have been called a social entrepreneur as insured by The Holy Spirit - and helped by many allies-in-life - I launched and ran

The National Association of School Chaplains [NASC, now ACCE]	1984
Young Adults Pilgrimage to Lourdes [YAP]	1986
Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes [WDP]	1990
Spiritual, Peer Educational Centre for young people [SPEC]	1992
Bright Lights Festival for young people [BLF] @ SPEC	1995
LOFT @ SPEC – residential centre for under 12s	1997
School Mission Team [SMT, later called SPEC Outreach]	1997
Three Faiths Medical Forum	1999
Friends of Bethlehem University [FOBU]	1999
SPECeast: Peer-educational interfaith centre, Wapping	2001
SPEC SON – free newspaper for Westminster secondary schools	2001
John Paul 2 Foundation 4 Sport charity [JP2F4S]	2011

So far – on the whole – even though I have suffered many bereavements - my life has been delightful. Whenever people ask "How are you?" I tend to reply "Wonderful. Full of wonder at the beauty around me."

Though while in Rome at The Lateran University, I was awarded a summa cum laude doctorate in theology, it is life that has sharpened my theology. Just 4 stories

1. Over the past 8 decades I have learnt that in life there are always at least two possibilities. A cow eats grass...milk or offloads it

In field or on path. if in field, no problem, if on path 2 possibilities you are going along... see or not see

If not see. Two possibilities boots or not if boots no problem. If not, then you do have a problem.

2. Caroline and Luke

3. Sitges and thus Psalm 139 "Lord, you examine me and know me" Bob Chilcott 24.10 (9!)

4. Frozen bird. Not everyone puts you into it is an enemy, not everyone who takes you out of it is a friend and – most important of all. When you are in it, don't sing. stay schtum..

Rather than rabbiting on, I am happy to answer any questions. Put hand up and ask. [dangerous... does the Pope m.....? Not in front of me. Next question.]

A gent, just 9 years older than me told me a story how one day he dreamt – or was he awake – a fairy appeared to him. And said, "You have lived a wonderful 90 years of life. I have been told I can reward you with some super sex"... He pondered for a while then replied. "You are kind. Many thanks. I think I will go for the soup."

Love these photos of a Clapham Fete - no date - love the boy in the "SS" Jacket



Awards



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'!

Those Bedford Vans again ...can't get enough "pics" of them...a classic motor, for a "Classic" trip across Europe - only Cecil [and Clapham College] would have attempted such a feat; those who went are still reminiscing about the adventure 50 years later..



Rocking on St Patricks Night



This March at Norbury “The Band” was a quartet and entertained the punters

Mickey Burke - Vocals Drums / Percussion

Mark Wilkinson - Keyboards and Saxophone

Kevin McKenna - Vocals

Joe Williams - also played Drums (Take Me To The River), Bass Guitar (Lipstick Vogue) and Keyboards (It Must Be Love)

Here is a list of The COXA Band Members over the years [apologies as usual]

John Williams – Guitar & Vocals Led by Joe Williams- Guitars, Vocals.

Arthur Williams- Bass, Vocals.

Eamon Taggart - Vocals.

Steve Parker - Vocals.

Gerry Lambe - Vocals, Guitars.

Franco Cornelli - Vocals, Guitars.

Paul Barretta, Drums, Percussion.

Mickey Burke, Drums, Percussion.

Kevin Partridge, Bass.

Pete Boland, Bass.

Mary Hughes, Vocals.

Jimmy Burke, Vocals.

Aidie Bertie, Vocals.

Brenden Williams, Vocals.

Steve Platt, Guitars, Vocals.

Bill Stewart, Guitars, Vocals.

Frank Barretta, Sound Engineer.

John Leathem, PA, DJ.

Remember, it's the bass guitar players don't count as musicians, not the percussionists!

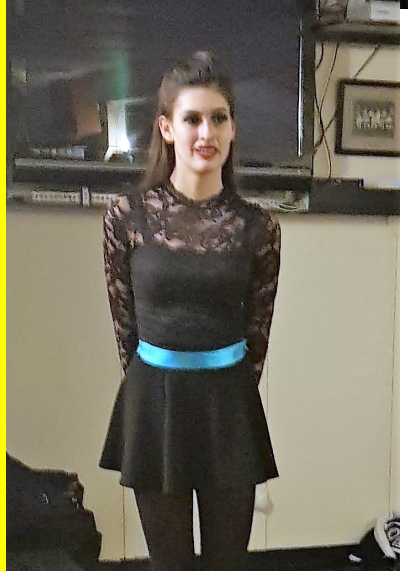
The Chairman, and COXA Committee wish to put on record their thanks to all members [past and present] of The Band who have organised, transported equipment, practised and performed for Clapham over the years; Just to “serve us” - Old Xaverians. The skill and happiness they bring to the Association is massive. We know the audience numbers are often disappointing, but the entertainment value for those who attend is massive.

The COXA Band St Patrick's Night 2020





More from St Patricks Night at Norbury. It was a great COXA event - "diary entry" for next year? How many more are there going to be? We are an aging Association these events are there for ALL; those there were royally entertained

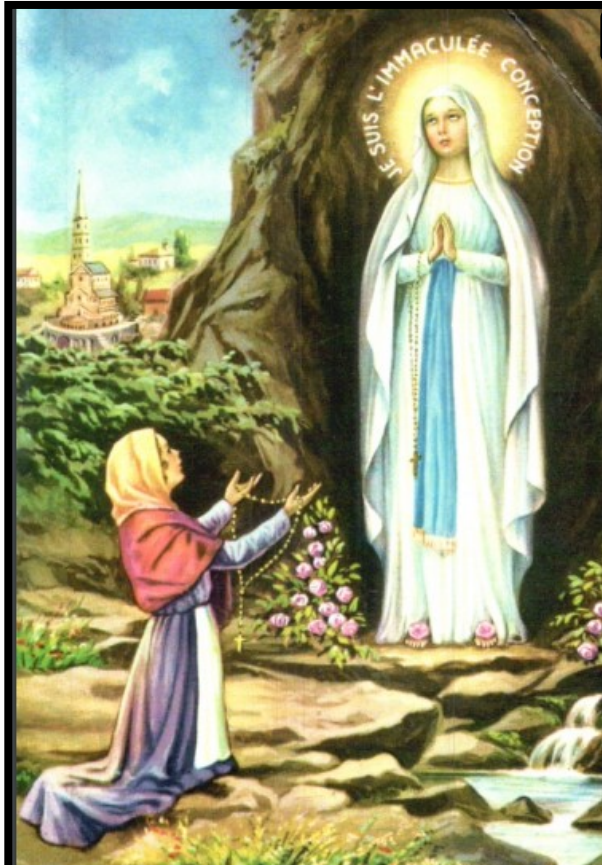




Front row L - R

Ray McGuinness, Roy Hartnett, Paul Williams, Nick Crean

Back row L - R Tom Purcell, Frank Barretta, Barrie O'Neil, Michael Januszeski, Michael Burke, Robert Audino, Mick O'Flynn, John Flynn



Father Terry Creech - Memorial Card

***IN YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE REMEMBER
FATHER TERRY CREECH, C.Ss.R***

60 years professed as a Redemptorist

54 years a priest and minister of the Word

Through missions in parishes and schools

Chaplain to HCPT charity for disabled children

Caring for the poor in the Ace of Clubs

**Witness to God's mercy in the
confessional in Lourdes**

Being among his many good works

REST IN PEACE

Norbury - our “spiritual home” - the “Mecca” of Clapham Old Xaverian Football



Concordia is on BOTH COXA Websites [for close-ups]. It's under “Publications” in the Clapham College Archive Website. This is an aerial photo of Norbury at the start of the Millennium. “Alfred the Great” dominates the left of the photo. The Norbury “pitch” now occupies the bottom of the Norbury “slope” and the Practice Pitch [not well-drained at the best of times]. You can pick out the white Clubhouse was the changing rooms in the early days. The bungalow is still there [isn't it Ade?]. Finally the RED “blotches” at the back of the clubhouse [need “zoom” / close-up] are Telephone Boxes! [COXA entrepreneur!]