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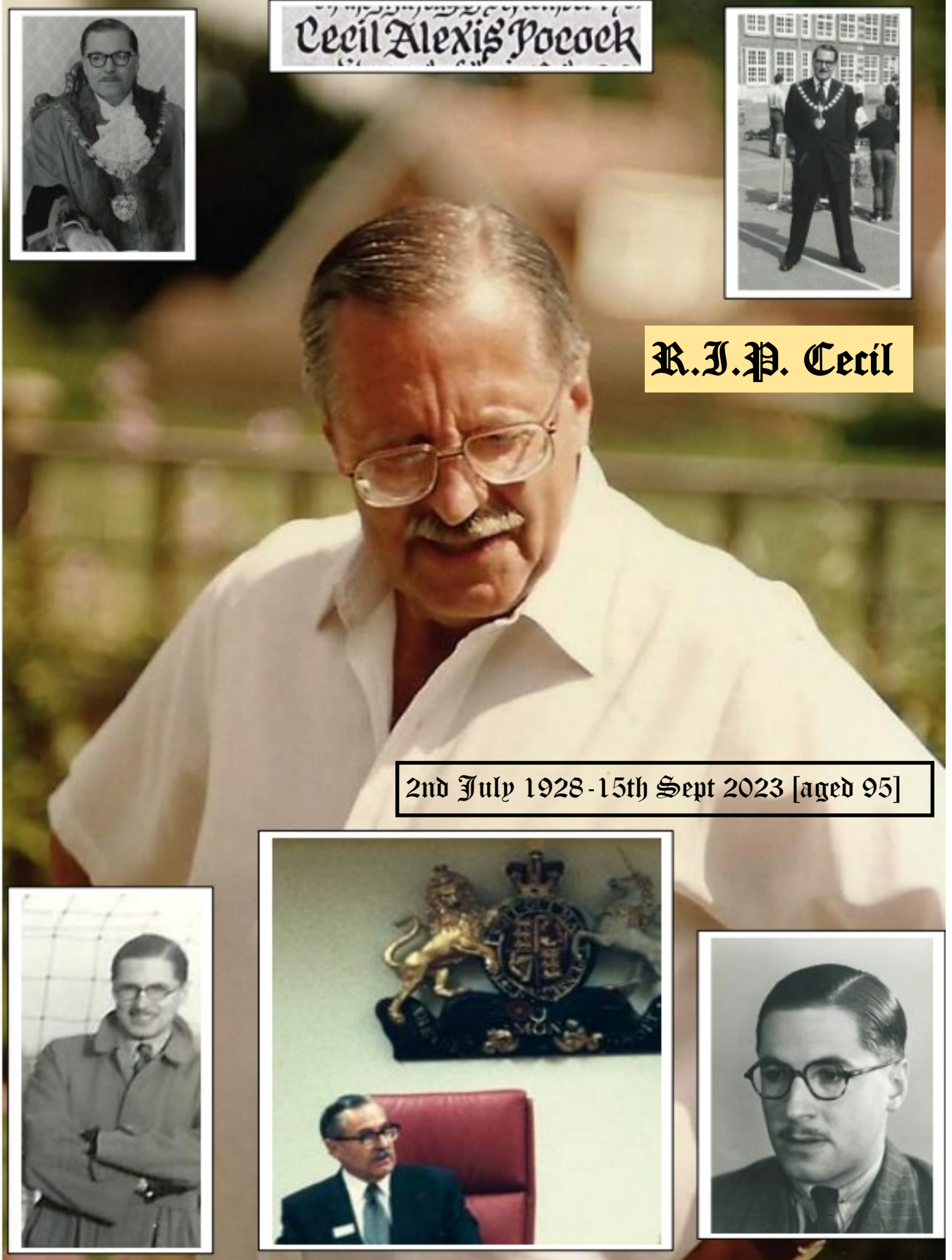
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Cecil Alexis Pochoek



R.I.P. Cecil



2nd July 1928 - 15th Sept 2023 [aged 95]



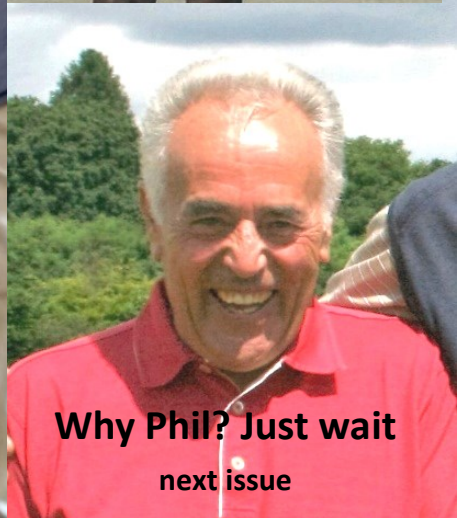
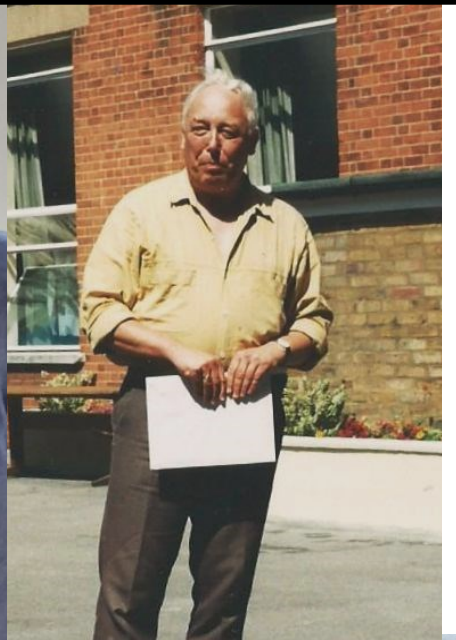
Cecil, as we remember him, "The Teacher", with that "killer" smile



COXA Day in Jake's Garden in August-great weather, big crowd, lovely family day



**Paul & Ron Davis, last photo of Cecil, Laurie Mullane 1st photo of daughter!**



**Why Phil? Just wait  
next issue**



**A "life is good" photograph**



**Laurie and the  
beautiful Ingrid**



## Chairman-like Thoughts... October 2023



Hello again, everyone and welcome to the first Mainly-Digital edition of Concordia. Some great work from **Scotty, Frank** and some of the other team on the Committee for making this important breakthrough, not least for our finances. A lot has been going on, and a lot is to come in the fourth quarter of 2023.

We celebrated **Colin Garvey's** 80<sup>th</sup> birthday at The County Arms (back of the class if you don't know that excellent pub), and the great man was in sparkling form. The list of attendees was a veritable Who's-Who of Clapham Xaverians, and I hope they are more fully noted elsewhere.

And now **Cecil** has died..... No finer man, and a mentor to so many, including me. Funeral details are on the website. It will be in Chiswick, as you read this, make a resolution to go.

In September, we officially unveiled the Mayfield Stone; please read about it online or in this edition. A truly touching and important event, and also there was some wine taken...

The Summer Lunch showed us that at relatively short notice, and in the middle of the holiday season, Dozens of OXs can gather joyously to see that **Jimmy the Jug** doesn't get any less thirsty as the years go by. (Great to see you back, Jim.)

By the time you read this, you will have likely already attended **The AGM** (hmmm...) on 19<sup>th</sup> October. Try, anyway, or you can have no complaints about being stuck with me for another year. Also in your diary, should be **Remembrance Sunday**, and if you have never been, come along and see what you are missing. It is prioritised above Chelsea and Golf for me; what will you shift in your Calendar to be at one of our top five events? Some say "the top event", and I won't disagree. Also in October, date to be finalised, **Aidan** has devised an excellent **City Ramble** for us. No cars, so maybe a pint or two at the end...

The "**Old Xaverian War Graves Trip**" will be based out of Amiens in June 2024 and is all-but-sold-out. There will be several new faces and very welcome too; it's certainly not "cliquey", though, unavoidably, groups form so that people can eat in manageable numbers. 2023 was a massive success, thanks as ever to **Mick & Bina, Scotty and Aidan. Deacon Paul Milligan**, a debutant, added something spiritually special to that one.

Put the **January 2024 Chairman's Lunch** into your diary. (Maybe even cough up early...) (That means you...) Details in this issue/online. That's the start of 2024's events; the year will be as full as this one.

This Association and its members have much to be proud of.

**David Leathem** 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023



**Did I say “killer smile”? nuns, Louis Mountbatten, Prince Philip, all succumbed to Cecil’s charms**



CURRICULUM VITAE

BORN in Paris on July 2nd., 1928 - father English : mother Russian

EDUCATED : Chiswick Grammar School For Boys (1939-1946) - School Captain  
Christ's College, Cambridge (Open Scholar) 1946-1949)  
B.A. Hons. in History  
M.A.

St. Mary's College of Education, Strawberry Hill (1950-51)  
London University Post-Graduate Certificate in  
Education

EMPLOYMENT : teacher at Clapham College R.C. Grammar and, from 1975,  
Comprehensive School from 1951-1983 as assistant History  
master, Head of History Department, Deputy Headmaster and  
Headmaster  
Exchange teacher at Greendale High School, Wisconsin from  
1965-1966

PUBLIC OFFICES : Member of Brentford and Chiswick Borough Council and  
Council of London Borough of Hounslow from 1950-1972  
Mayor of Brentford and Chiswick from 1963-1964  
At various times : Leader of the Council, Chairman of  
Education and many other Committees, Governor of wide  
range of educational bodies from Primary Schools to  
Colleges of Further Education

Justice of the Peace in Brentford and Hounslow P.S.Ds  
from 1962-98

Deputy Chairman of the Bench from 1989

*Chairman of the Bench 1993-1996*

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES : Member of Conservative Party from 1945  
Registrar of Cambridge University Conservative Asso  
Founder member and Vice-Chairman of Brentford and  
Chiswick Young Conservatives  
Chairman of Brentford and Chiswick Conservative  
Association from 1958-1962  
Also see above.

RELIGIOUS LIFE : Received into Catholic Church in 1948  
Secretary of first Parish Council (Our Lady of Grace,  
Parish, Chiswick)  
Parish Administrator (Our Lady of Grace) from 1983-1988  
Reader and Minister of the Eucharist from institution  
of these ministries

OTHER MAIN INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES : Friend of the Royal Botanical  
Gardens, Kew.  
Avid reader (special love for novels  
of Charles Dickens).



In true "cub reporter" style, I asked Cecil, many years ago for the "story of his life". In typical Cecil fashion he pulled this sheet of paper from a file—"There you are"!! I didn't get an insight into the great man from this, more the journey he took..[and what a journey]!

The photograph is of Cecil's Russian Grandfather [I think] it was on the wall of his flat in Chiswick, never asked him who it was - seems to fit as "Grandpa Pocock" !

## Life is pretty hard for Cecil Pocock, teacher and Head of Clapham College. [earlier this summer the Davis brothers visited Mr Pocock]

My brother, Paul, on left, and I visited him in July this year. He is in an assisted living facility in Chiswick.

I have a long history with him going back to the 1960's when he taught at the college. He opened my mind to history and British Constitution with his enthusiastic style of teaching that kept me engaged.

We did lunches together and discussed politics. He was encouraging and helped me think and express my teenage naive opinions.

Then I told him I wanted to see America. He was a fan of the USA and set me up to stay with an American family in Wisconsin where he had taught in a high school for a year. He was kind of famous there. The Beatles were flying high at that time and all things British were popular. That added to his jolly demeanour to make him a big hit with the Americans.

I rode on his popularity to stay in Wisconsin. I met my wife to be there and eventually married, had children, built a business and secure faith that some held at Clapham.

So 50 years later I'm back in the UK and Paul and I visit Cecil. And sad it was to see the effects of dementia.

Paul and I tried to ignite his memory but we were too distant and he was frustrated, knowing he was supposed to remember but couldn't. **Ron [ & Paul] Davis**





# SFX is not Clapham College - but it is somehow....

Clapham College actually did close 40 years ago and SFX now “owns” the location! But I don’t feel COXA could have actually “chosen” a better incumbent of SW4 than Francis Xavier. Their strong association with us over the years from all four Principals to our use of their facilities and The Chapel . These extracts from their Prospectus gives an insight into the continuance of RC Education on the site.



## Saint Francis Xavier

CATHOLIC SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

CATHOLIC ETHOS

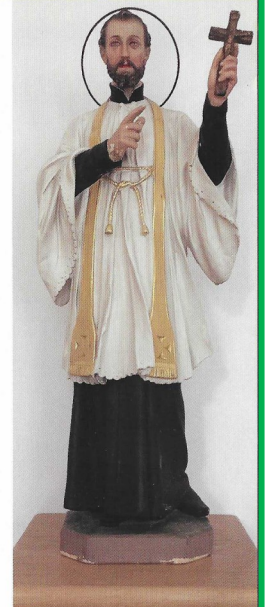


### Our History

There has been a school on the site of St. Francis Xavier Sixth Form College for over 100 years. The first school to occupy the site was Clapham College, a fee-paying school for day boys and boarders, which became a state-funded grammar school in 1944. Another grammar school (St Gerard’s) joined Clapham College in 1975, and in 1977 the school became comprehensive along with all other schools in the Inner London Education Authority. To accommodate the extra students, new classrooms were built alongside refurbished Victorian classroom (refurbished again in 2014!).

### Who is our Patron?

St. Francis Xavier was born in Navarre, Spain in 1506. He was one of the first Jesuits. Francis was one of the most prolific of all Roman Catholic Missionaries. Throughout Asia he is believed to have baptised over 30,000 people. He died of a fever in 1552 while waiting for a boat to take his mission into China. His feast day is 3 December.



### Why a Catholic Education?

*From the foreword of Christ at the Centre, 2012,*

“At the Baptism of their children, parents promise to bring them up in the practice of the faith by loving God and their neighbour. The Church assists them in fulfilling this solemn commitment in two ways, by providing catechesis in our parishes and by establishing Catholic schools.”

The key word here is ‘practice’ of the faith.

Colleagues of all faiths and none are welcome and able to assist the mission of the College

### What is the Identity of a Catholic College?

To Educate and transform the person, who is made in the image and likeness of God (*Genesis 1:26*)

To become Christ’s body on earth, to be involved in social action, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and be the voice of the voiceless

There should be a symbiotic relationship with faith and culture evident throughout the college

Solidarity and collaboration should be a guiding feature found in all students.



## A Salesian and a Xaverian make visits to Old Boys graves in France.



Obviously it's not just Xaverians who are "nuts", or maybe the term should be honourable, respectful. My family are more than use to making a twenty mile detour to honour our fallen Xaverians on the Somme. But here is my brother, Michael **Lazarus** Macdonald, leaving his hotel early morning and jogging six kilometres to lay a cross at the grave of an Old Salesian who gave his life in World War One. The ultimate sacrifice.

Michael is now a "fully paid-up" Clapham Old Xaverian, one of the many in various organisations, who have "flipped" recently.



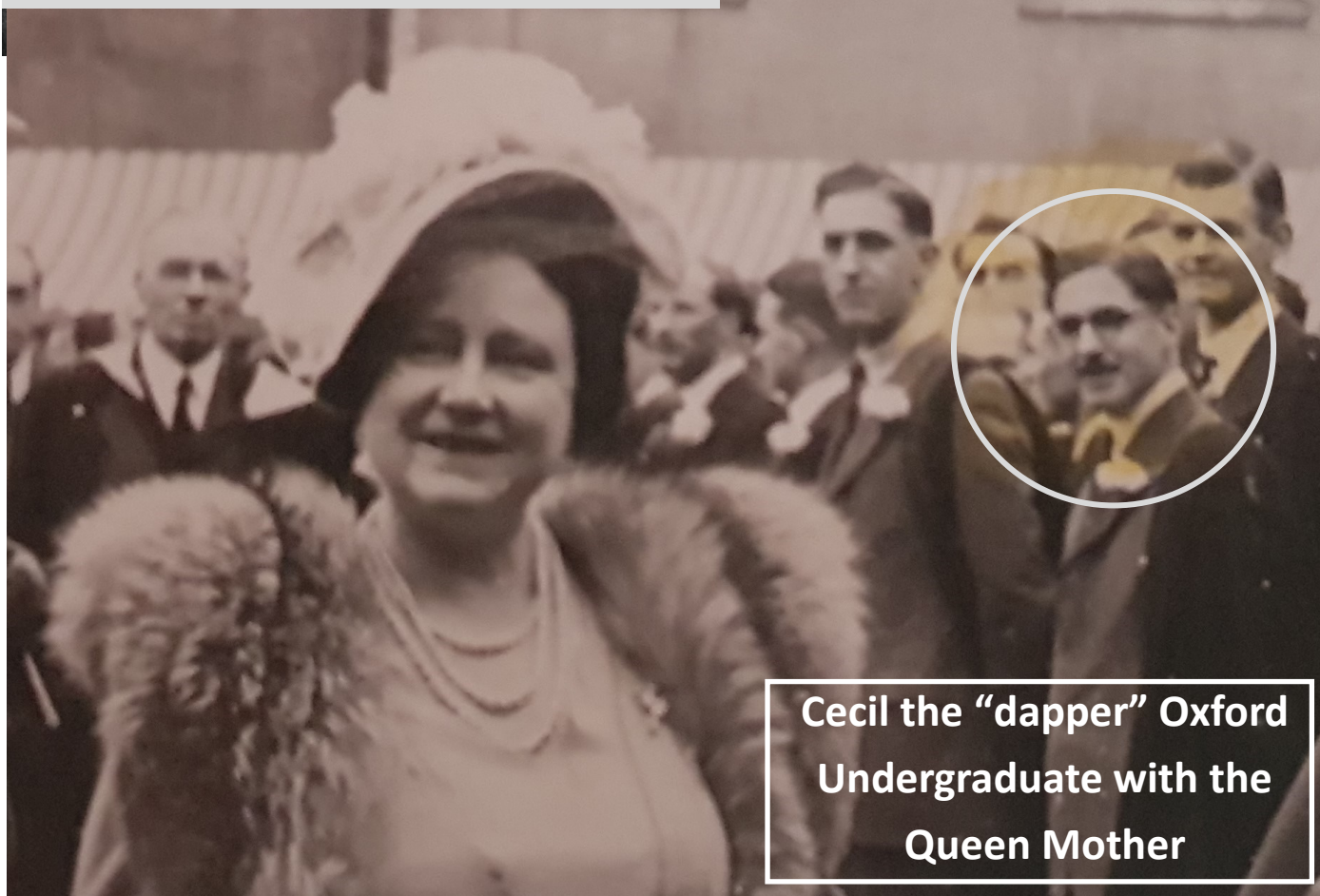
Continuing the saga of Old Xaverian Gaston Behaeghe. Gaston was killed in action fighting for France and we discovered he was buried at Verdun in Northern France. So in typical reporter fashion, I did not tell my family that I was diverting them yet again - enroute to Calais following a wedding in Italy.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



Cecil - a many-faceted man with a true zest for life ..always ...“Life was good”. Cecil lived life to the full. Below a “sporting photo” of the great man, only he could look good playing football in a Savile Row suit. His love of the Royals was unmatched

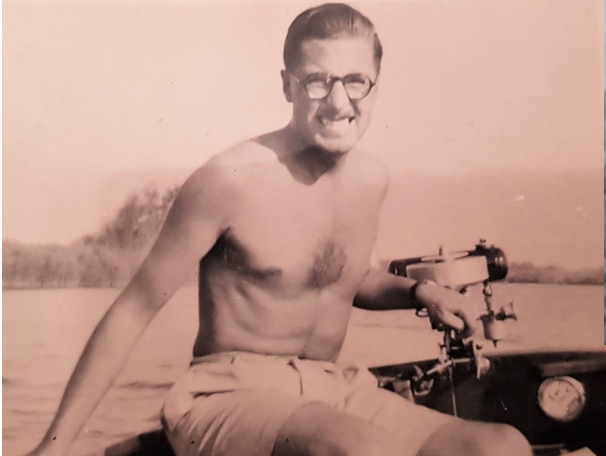


**Cecil, Mayor of Chiswick & the Queen Mother**



**Cecil the “dapper” Oxford Undergraduate with the Queen Mother**

Cecil with sister, then at Primary School, at Chiswick Grammar and finally bare torso.



Fans of CECIL POCOCK (aren't we all?) will be interested to hear that he recently qualified for free medical prescriptions. Old Boys helping him to celebrate this historic occasion included Colin Garvey, Terry Kinane, John Walsh and Brian Sanders.

After a few weeks looking up old acquaintances in the USA- is the bus pass valid that far?- Cecil will spend his usual week in Mayfield, before returning to his duties as Chairman of the Bench.

All Old Boys, especially motorists, are advised to give Hounslow a wide berth.

If you don't recognise these buildings, you're reading the wrong MAGAZINE



**Clapham Mansions** – not mansions at all but a long row of flats – where **Chrissie Hynde** of The Pretenders taught **Johnny Rotten** [Sex Pistols] how to play guitar. She was also proposed to by **Sid Vicious** here; him helping her stay in the country (she is American had threatened with deportation). She lived in Englewood Road at the time. Unfortunately the registration office was closed on the day they tried and they never did rearrange a new time [typical Sid], not really “Vicious” - unlike **Mad Boy**...now that's other story.

There has always been a Clapham College “timeline”, started by Brother Dunstan [1950s], this is an “updated” version; like it. dislike it.. please comment ..send me anything I’ve missed, could be as frivolous as “Brendan Williams started at Clapham”.



## 1839 Theodore James Ryken in Bruges, Belgium founded the Xaverian Order

1846 Xaverian Brothers came to England from Belgium

1877 “Broadoak” built as London home of Sir Titus Salt [founder of Saltire in Yorkshire]

1884 Xaverian School opened in St Philips Square Battersea [near old Notre Dame Battersea]

1896 Xaverian College closed on Battersea Site [90 years later the remnants of CC returned here]

1896 “Broadoak” purchase by Brother Gabriel – conversion work started. [Chapel built]

1897 Clapham College, Nightingale Lane, opened – Cardinal Vaughan opened College 24<sup>th</sup> August.

1898 100 boys [and a dozen boarder] at Clapham – Top Hats and Eton Collars [aged 7 to 15 years]

1900 Xaverian Association formed [for the Old Boys of the four Xaverian Colleges]

1901 40 boys entered for the Oxford Examination [30 passed] including **Rowland Bourke V.C..**

1902 Chemistry Lab built [later extended in 1908]

1903 Boarding £18.0.0 per year – Music Lessons 19 Shillings and 9d – horseshoes 9 Shillings a pair]

1904 Br Dunstan transferred from his beloved Clapham College to Manchester [for 8 years ].

1905 Brother Cuthbert succeeded Br Gabriel as Headmaster.

1906 Clapham fielded 3 football teams, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> XI clubs – white shirt, Xaverian badge & tie!

1907 Norbury purchased and playing fields planted - before that, all sport on Clapham Common

1908 Clapham College purchased “The Brother’s House” in Rottingdean of seaside retreats.

1909 Football results wins verses St Mary’s 14-1, Old Externes 10-0, Staffordians 8-0, Old Boys 6-1.

1910 Sir Jack Hobbs [English Test cricketer] sent his sons Jack & Leonard to the College.

1911 Chemistry was an “extra” subject, taught after school and paid for separately.

1912 “Drill” added as an extra activity – after school, charged for – very popular with the boys.

1913 First recorded Prize Day at Clapham – Cardinal of Westminster distributed prizes.

1915 The Top Form College “Players” put on a performance of “The Ghost of Jerry Bundler”

1916 Zeppelin bombing raid over London, Dunstan & boys observed from top floor at 2am!

1917 Private John Jackson died from his wounds “brave to the last” [one of the “106”]

1918 School holiday to Felpham-on-Sea, the boys witnessed the capture of a German Submarine.

1918 Com. Rowland Bourke, Clapham 1899-1903, awarded Victoria Cross for Valour [Zeebrugge].

## The Clapham College/ Xaverian timeline 1919 to 1962

The two World Wars changed the world completely, just like the Covid pandemic changed the world we know this decade. The College changed from a “private” Grammar School with boarders in the early days, to a huge Comprehensive School in a brand new building.

- 1919 Br Cuthbert succeeded by Br Vincent– Hollywood bought [named before the USA location].
- 1922 276 boys on “roll” half non-Catholic many from abroad, Belgium, France, Spain, Switzerland
- 1922 Brother Bernadine became Headmaster.
- 1924 College was allowed to use Hollywood – after property was vacated. [was built in 1783]
- 1924 **Hollywood** opened as a Prep School – boarders housed in Hollywood upper floors.
- 1925 Four Houses established – Canterbury, Charterhouse, Glastonbury & Walsingham
- 1927 **Clapham Old Xaverians formed** [Xaverian Association casualty of WW1 – [too much travelling]
- 1928 L.C.C. Inspection – became an “Aided School” – “Poll” the College parrot died aged 27 years.
- 1929 **First Edition of Concordia** – the Old Xaverian official magazine produced in Sept 1929 Price 3d.
- 1930 **Clapham College Ramblers** formed with a programme of twenty, “twenty-mile” walks.
- 1932 Final “boarders” left Clapham
- 1934 The Xaverian Players present “The Lord of the Manor”
- 1937 230 boys “on roll” Fees £16.16 shillings for the Prep - £15.15 shillings for the Main School.
- 1939 Removal of the College to East Grinstead – part of **WW11 Evacuation** [100 boys]
- 1940 **Brother Nicholas** – Headmaster
- 1943 **Francis Currie** age 16, Clapham College, dies in a German Bombing raid in East Grinstead.
- 1944 Removal of the College and boys to Taunton
- 1945 Boys return to Clapham – end of the World War – Clapham becomes a Grammar School
- 1947 Golden Jubilee of Clapham College 1897 to 1947
- 1949 **Brother Joseph** – Headmaster
- 1950 338 boys “on roll”
- 1953 **Brother Peter** – Headmaster as Brother Joseph leaves for the African Missions in Nyasaland
- 1957 Br Joseph who left Headship for the missionary life, was struck by lightning and died in Africa
- 1959 Xaverian delegation & Clapham Brothers have a special Audience with Pope John XXII, Rome
- 1960 **Xaverian Magazine** – school magazine first published – first Careers Evening at the College.
- 1961 **Cecil Pocock** takes two Bedford vans on historic trip to Europe / Switzerland [20 boys]
- 1962 After a decade of construction the **Norbury Clubhouse** / Bar opens - now the changing rooms

## Clapham College closes, St Francis Xavier Sixth Form College takes over Catholic Education on the Nightingale Lane site.

Education changes as society changes. Grammar School becomes a Comprehensive School [amalgamation], Sixth Form College on the Clapham site. The Clapham Old Boys Association takes up the Xaverian legacy in South London.

- 1963 **Sir Cyril Xavier Henriques** [Clapham College 1919] appointed Lord Chief Justice of Jamaica
- 1966 New Dining Hall opens in the grounds of Hollywood.
- 1968 Clapham College Grammar School converts into a **Boys Catholic Comprehensive School**.
- 1969 Cecil Pocock leads a historic school trip to Greendale USA [where he had taught in the 60s]
- 1970 **Cecil Pocock** – appointed Headmaster of his “beloved” **Clapham College**.
- 1971 Solicitors report to the Old Boys that £20,000 collected for Gov’s Fund** would never be paid.
- 1973 Boxing Day Football and Festivities takes place at Norbury for the first time.
- 1975 **St Gerard's** amalgamated with Clapham – **Maurice Gleeson** – Headmaster
- 1975 New Houses replace the old – Anselm, Xavier, More, [Oliver Plunkett Patron Saint]
- 1976 **New Building opened on the Clapham Site** Broadoak vacated – Hollywood 6<sup>th</sup> Form Block
- 1977 Hollywood vacated; Chapel & Old School Building re-conditioned 1000 boys on roll.
- 1978 **Clapham Old Xaverians field 9 sides** on a regular basis [seven in League Comps] 100 players
- 1981 Clapham College 1<sup>st</sup> XI [manager **Graham Hudson**] win the English Schools U19 Trophy
- 1982 **Phil Babb**, once the UKs most expensive defender £.6 million, was at Clapham in the 1980s
- 1983 COXA Football sides win a “record-breaking” five trophies at the Old Boys League Dinner.
- 1985 Xaverian 6<sup>th</sup> Form opens **Brian Snalune** - Principal – College moves to Notre Dame Battersea
- 1988 10<sup>th</sup> Mar **Br Christopher** “Gumly” died in Manchester – legendary Geography teacher.
- 1989 Clapham College closes for the education of South London boys after nearly 90 years
- 1993 **Derek Rowe** Clapham 1935/44, Clapham Old Xaverian Football Club legend dies.
- 1994 **Mr Bernie Borland** appointed Principal of SFX College at Clapham
- 1997 Centenary Celebrations to mark 100 years since the opening of Clapham College SW4
- 2000 Record results and record Enrolment at SFX College, Clapham – national success.
- 2004 **Group Capt. Maurice Mike Stevens** DSO, DFC & two Bars {Clapham 1930-34} WWII ‘ace’ dies.
- 2006 Clapham Old Xaverians win the AFA Surrey/Kent Cup Final beating Salesians 2-0
- 2007 **Pigeon Club** launched at Norbury.
- 2009 Bernie Borland leaves SFX after 15 years, being replaced as **Principal by Stella Flannery**
- 2009 First Hall of Fame Norbury: - **Amura, Brown, Hixson, Leathem, McGuire, Roszkowski & Rowe**



The “end” of our timeline [to date] ..but more surely to come form this progressive Association

2010 **Archbishop Peter Smith** [CC 1956-60] appointed Archbishop of Southwark

2011 **Rev. Dr Gerry Lorrinan CBE** Human Rights Activist, friend of Nelson Mandela dies, CC 1920s.

2012 **Sir Michael Wilshaw** [Clapham College 1950s] appointed first Head of Ofsted

2013 “COXA Working Party” arrive at the Brothers’ Cemetery Mayfield to clear, clean and paint.

2014 **Flight-Lieutenant Peter Hain MBE**, WW2 RAF “Ace”, [aged 99, oldest known Xavierian] died.

2014 **Michael Aldrich** [Clapham 1952 to 1959] the inventor of “Online Shopping” dies.

2015 **Frank Barretta** launches the first VP fund-raising lunch at Norbury.

2017 **Brendan Williams** Building Heroes Charity manufactures 30 new metal crosses for Mayfield.

2018 **COXA Ramblers** relaunched with a walk in Chipstead, Surrey

2020 **Stella Flannery** retires after 11 successful years at SFX, replaced by **Graham Thompson**.

2023 **Michael Turvey**, dies in the USA probably the most intelligent Xaverian of all time -

2023 **Xaverian Monument** at Mayfield

2023 **Cecil Pocock**, Councillor, Mayor, History Teacher, Head of Clapham College dies - end of an era.

**MY timeline - Brother Dunstan did the first - what are your “missing” critical dates?**

**Martin Flaherty** AACE MD, Operational / Organisational Development and Executive Mentoring

**Martin Flaherty OBE, QAM** joined London Ambulance Service (LAS) in 1979 as a front line ambulance technician and paramedic and followed this with 25 years as a manager and executive director in a variety of positions. He was responsible for coordinating the emergency medical response to the 7<sup>th</sup> July bombings in 2005, work for which he was awarded an OBE in the 2006 New Year Honours. He became Deputy Chief Executive of LAS in May 2009.

Following stints on secondment with the Irish Ambulance Service/HSE as Strategic Ambulance Advisor and at Great Western Ambulance Service as Interim Chief Executive, Martin was also the Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) for the LAS Olympic and Paralympic Programme. This was a five year programme culminating in the successful delivery of the 2012 Games in London. Martin ended his career with LAS in January 2013 as interim CEO before taking up his role as Managing Director of the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives (AACE). Martin received the Queen’s Ambulance Medal for distinguished service in the 2021 New Year Honours List.

**Martin Flaherty** was in my year at Clapham and an alpha in the same class as **Brendan Williams** and **Gerry Morrison**. Eddie O’Brien.



Another Old Xaverian from our little College who has made massive strides in the “World of Work”. Interesting topic following those Careers Evenings in the College Gym. What do plan to do when you leave Clapham? I was going to be footballer, singer or millionaire [I failed!]





## Salesian College Farnborough Year 10 Battlefields Tour 2022

### Introduction

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

We are in a place where so many young men gave their lives in the service of their country. As we begin our prayer let's spend a few moments in silent thought. If we were to die today, how would we be remembered? What good have we done so far in our lives? What bad things have we done? What good have we failed to do?

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins  
and lead us to eternal life. **Amen.**



### Opening Prayer

Let us pray,

Faithful God,  
Lord of all creation,  
you desire that nothing redeemed by your Son will ever be lost,  
and that the just will be raised up on the last day.

Grant these soldiers,  
who gave their lives for their friends, families and fellow citizens,  
a place of rest and peace,  
where fear, suffering and death have no dominion.  
Confirm us in our hope that they will be created anew  
on the day when you raise them up in glory,  
to live with you and all the saints  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Last year, by a strange coincidence Salesian College and Clapham Old Xaverians happened to be on a Battlefields Tour at the same time. Nick Crean was the "conduit" between the two groups. Fr Patrick Sherlock was the Salesian School leader. "Fr Pat, Do you have an electronic copy of our Battlefields Tour service of reflection which you could email me?" He did, copied above. Nick continued, "I am heading off to Arras and the Somme tomorrow for 3 days with the Clapham College Old Boys. Maybe I'll see you over there - I think we will just miss each other based on our itinerary. I hope the Tour goes well for you all, best wishes". **Nick [Crean] - Fr. Pat**

*Dear Nick, Hope all is going well. We spotted the Clapham Xaverian College card [we leave our "calling card" at every cemetery] on the Royal Flying Corps Memorial in the cemetery in Arras. All arrived back safely. See you next week, Best wishes, Father Pat.*

*In this very busy world it's great to see that even bitter "sporting" rival have mutual re-*



## **“Yes, I am still the Editor”**

Hi all, Scotty here; Yes, I am still the Editor even though this issue has been “horribly organised”. There was a brilliant “proof”, 95% completed and ready for a little refining at the beginning of October, then came the untimely passing of Cecil. I basically “took out” ten sides and put them in a “safe place” for a Winter Concordia.

I’ve collected dozens of Cecil Pocock “clips” and I have just deposited as many as I could into those gaps. So if the usual “flow” of Concordia is missing I can sympathise with your “disappointment”. For those who feel it is the same a usual ..well....

For nearly 2/3 of Xaverians who receive this Concordia with an online link, I’m sure the quality of the photos and the size of “text” will be a great bonus. 180 will get a printed copy, no problem. However, if I make a mistake I have some spare hard copies if I’ve erred, Scotty

# PATRICK (PANCHO) PEARSON RIP

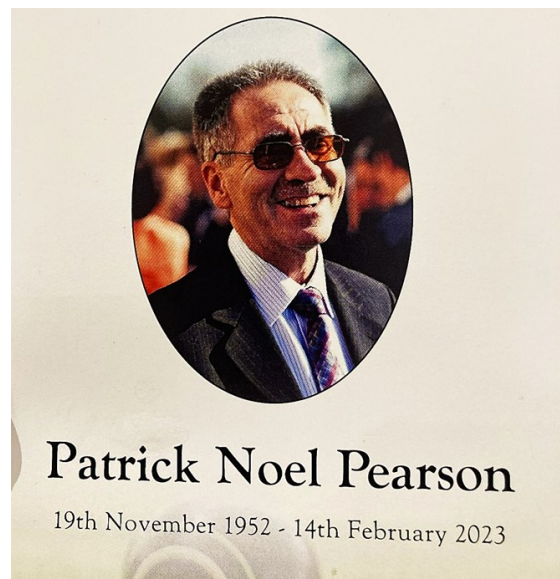
19/11/1952 to 14/2/2023

Pat was the 9th of 13 children, and one of five Pearson boys who all went to Clapham. Pat was there from 1964 to 1971. He suffered throughout his life from poor health, with asthma, petit mal epilepsy, and other ailments. He had a stroke in 2011 and became severely limited in mobility, but not in wit or speech. He died in February this year after a three month illness from an inherited kidney disease illness.

Despite his poor health, legendary bad temper and idiosyncrasies, he was brave, funny, generous, clever, sparkingly witty, and universally adored. He was also a staggeringly hard working committed man. Pat could start a party in an empty room and frequently did. Testament to his character was the standing room only at his funeral, and the attendance of classmates like Scotty, Martin Farrell and Julian Carter.

He is survived by Marilyn, absolutely the light of his life for the last 43 or so years. They had twin sons, Adam and Neil, both campaigners for disability rights. Adam especially has a high media profile. There are seven surviving siblings too.

The image of Patrick I carry with me is of an 18 year old wearing a sheep-skin jacket walking up St James Rd to the Old Kent Road. Slung over his shoulder is a new Philips tape recorder playing Carlos Santana's Samba Pa Ti. (Abraxas Album, since you ask). There he was out there educating the musical taste of the good people of Rotherhithe



**Pat on the doorstep at Elephant & Castle  
1956**

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In Loving Memory of  
**Kevin Daniel Murphy**  
23rd March 1953 - 13th December 2022

Written by his life-long  
friend and 1 Alpha  
classmate **Martin Farrell**

**Kevin Murphy** died on 13 December 2022. Kevin was an only child and was born and raised in Yukon Road, Balham. He went to a local primary school before starting at Clapham College in September 1964 in 1 Alpha. Like me he did not enjoy academic success and we both retook our O Levels before leaving the school in 1971 with an A level apiece. Kevin joined the Greater London Council from school where he remained until its abolition. In 1975 at the age of 22 the brother of our friend and fellow classmate **Chris McFadden** (another Martin) became manager of a hardware shop in **Woodside**. The shop came with a flat above with 5 bedrooms which he was allowed to sublet. He invited **Chris, Kevin, myself and another friend, Ray** to occupy the rooms at a modest rent. We jumped at the chance to escape our home life for the freedom. It was a liberating and life changing experience which cemented a lifetime bond of friendship between the five of us.

Around 1978 when Kevin was engaged and still working at the GLC, a young woman came to work in his office. They got on very well and became friends. As I was unattached Kevin went to great lengths to get us together with double dates and the like. After which he would pester me to ring her up and pursue the relationship. He got so persistent that I had to take drastic measures to get him to stop – so I married her. Kevin was, of course, our best man and remained a valued part of both our lives.

Sadly, at the age of 42, Kevin's marriage broke down (through no fault of his own) and he felt compelled to leave the family home with just his car and a suitcase. He came to live with my wife and I and was a welcome house guest for several months while he sorted his life out. This was the lowest time of his life; however, things turned around within a year when he met Paula, a primary school teacher, at a singles club in Forestdale, Croydon. The mutual attraction was instant and were married within 2 years and from then on they both enjoyed a lifetime of domestic happiness together that they deserved.

With the abolition of the GLC Kevin moved to Croydon Council. He decided to concentrate his career in Local Government on Human Resources. With the help of my wife (herself a Lecturer in HR at South Bank University), he gained a degree in Human Resource Management. Armed with a degree, his strong work ethic and his natural organisational skills he progressed up the career ladder ending up at Kensington and Chelsea where he was able to take early retirement.

Typically, Kevin didn't take it easy in retirement. An average week for him would be:

Monday, gardening

Tuesday, babysitting his beloved grand daughters

Wednesday, art classes in Sutton. He was an accomplished artist

Thursday, volunteering at his local charity, The Tadworth Childrens Trust where his office skills were highly valued and where he was awarded a trophy of Volunteer of the Year to his surprise

Friday was always special for him. It was coffee get together with the old flatmates. Kevin would drive to our house in Warlingham for a quick tea and chocolate biscuit and then we would drive down to fellow **Old Xaverian Paul Colairo's** coffee shop in Caterham Station to meet Chris McFadden and his brother (another Martin) for a pleasant social get together then back to my house for lunch.

Even better than coffee mornings was the Boys Walking Holidays. The five flatmates were joined by two other friends Roy and Sean to form not so much the Magnificent Seven but with an average age now of 68 it was more like the Senile Seven. We managed about 20 of these 3 day holidays based around coastal hotels from Dorset to Norfolk and Kevin loved every one. Sometimes the walking was very pleasant, sometimes gruelling and sometimes very wet. We even got pursued by an angry farmer after taking a short cut over his land but the evenings of good food, beer and laughter were priceless.

## Kevin Murphy RIP—continued...

Kevin's health started to deteriorate and in January 2021 he was diagnosed with Stage 4 terminal lung cancer which came as a bombshell to us all. He still managed two more walking holidays in his final two years, the last one at Sidmouth. His wife, Paula, devoted herself to supporting him during this time. Kevin endured the pain and discomfort of his illness stoically and preferred not to talk about it in company. In his memory the remaining walkers will return to Sidmouth in April 2023 as a mark of respect. He spent his last two weeks in the outstanding care of the Princess Alice Hospice in Esher. His funeral was held at Leatherhead Crematorium on 1<sup>st</sup> February attended by myself, **Chris McFadden** and other classmates **Dr Hugh Atkinson and Adam Kondziela**.

Kevin was not only a loyal and supportive friend to many but a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was always ready to help often lending his assistance to many of my wife's gardening projects but conversely he would never ask for help for himself.

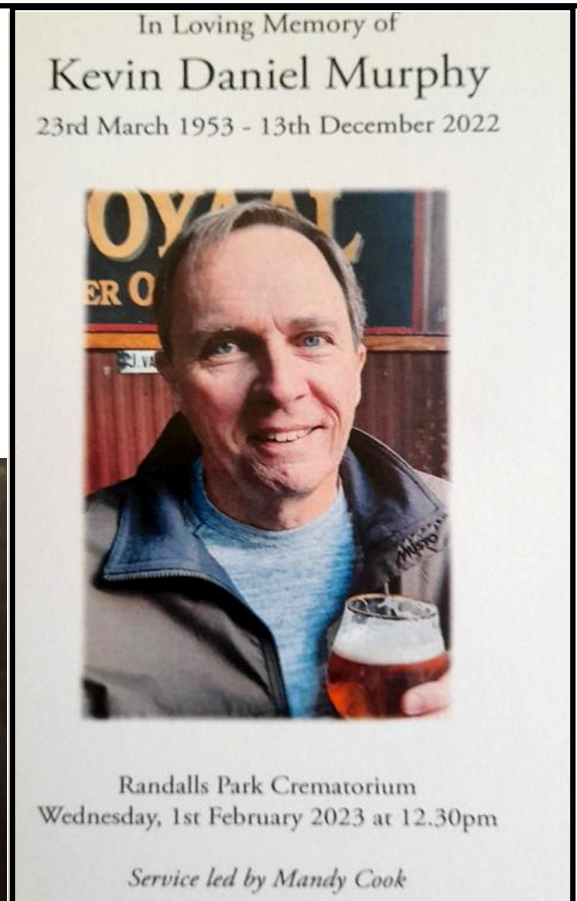
Hi Scotty, Hope you got the obituary I sent you, as I said I don't know whether you want to use it or not. I'm attaching a few photos to accompany it.

The first you've used before is Kevin on the left with "Eggheads" Adam and Hugh beside him. This is the school trip to **Switzerland 1966**.

Secondly, Kevin as best man at my wedding in 1989.

Thirdly, one of our walking holidays with Kevin left, **Chris McFadden** centre and me [right]

**Martin Farrell. Rest in Peace Kevin, sorely missed + + +**



# Clapham Old Xaverians Dates for your diaries 2023/2024



The Amiens Battlefield Tour 6th/9th June 2024 [four days]  
Remembrance Service - 11am Sunday 12th November  
The Chairman's Lunch, Friday 19th Jan 2024  
Two VIP Lunches - organised by Frank Barretta  
Half a dozen Rambles in Kent & Surrey - all near London

Join us in 2023/4 - The Amiens Battlefield Tour [June], Remembrance Sunday, Chairman's Lunch, Rambling, VIP Lunches and football.



**Neglected Status**

SIR.—The tragedy, of course, is that in most State secondary schools religious instruction is treated as a subject of trivial importance, often assigned to members of the staff whose timetables are insufficiently full, with little, if any, reference to whether they are practising Christians or not. Such complete lack of interest only confirms the apathy concerning religion which characterises most young people in these schools.

In a Catholic grammar school where I myself teach, no member of the staff may take religious instruction unless he possesses a certificate empowering him to do so. Having, as we do, a common basis from which to start, our task is considerably easier than our counterparts in non-Catholic schools.

Nevertheless, even with us, there are serious difficulties, particularly of presentation. Adolescents feel notoriously uncomfortable in the face of emotional or sentimental presentation of religion. On the other hand a too matter-of-fact approach has the danger of instilling a lack of reverence and of awe in the pupils. Perhaps more important even than specific doctrinal teaching is the building up of a religious atmosphere.

Mere faith is not sufficient today when Christianity is assailed from every side. An understanding of the faith is essential so that our young people leaving school can stand up and defend and explain their religion to the sceptics and the cynics. To do this religious instruction must be raised from its subordinate status. It must become, in State schools, as much a specialist subject as English or Maths or History and must rank equally with them. Headmasters should not forget that it is the *only* subject which is compulsory in our schools today. That, in itself, should raise its status and prestige and the efficiency of its teaching far, far above the present sorry level.

CECIL A. POCOCK.

London, W.4.

Other Letters to the Editor on Page 2

**Plea for licence to 'protect' girlfriend**

**A PLEA** that he should keep his driving licence so he could drive his girlfriend about to protect her from a former boyfriend was rejected by Brentford Magistrates on Wednesday.

An apprentice, Habib Khan was fined £500 and banned till 1984 for driving while disqualified and without insurance.

He had been caught driving twice on the same day while under a previous ban. Khan, of Martindale Road, Hounslow had pleaded guilty and been remanded for report.

When he first appeared he

told the Bench his girlfriend's former boyfriend was out to get her and further people were involved. He asked that he should be allowed to keep his licence but was told he could not drive under any circumstances.

On Wednesday the presiding magistrate Cecil Pocock told him it was all very well getting certificates at his work but he had to learn he had to obey the law.

"If it happens again it is almost certain that you will go to prison. You have been grossly irresponsible."

In his defence Mr. John Pattman said Khan was worried about his girlfriend because a previous boyfriend had been released from prison and threatened her.

"He is not of the hoodlum element," said Mr. Pattman and continued to say that he now realises the true position.

He was fined a total of £500 and banned for 12 months plus an extra six months under the totting up regulations.

This means he will not be able to drive again until late 1984.

**Church club members fined for after hours breach**

POLICE raided a social club next door to a Roman Catholic church in Brentford and found people drinking after hours.

Five people were charged with aiding and abetting others to drink after hours and appeared at Brentford court where they all pleaded guilty.

They were Collette Connolly aged 21, of Clitherow Road, Brentford; Brian McSweeney, aged 50, of Murray Road, Ealing; Maureen Quirke, aged 30, of Enfield Road, Brentford; Martin Quirke, aged 34, of the same address; and Mary Spinks, aged 49, of Beech Gardens, Ealing.

The bench was told that Supt Cecil Jordan of the Chiswick police was concerned about the hours that were kept at the St Johns Social Club, Brentford, and a series of watches were kept on the club by police officers.

By looking into the club they saw people drinking late on two occasions. The magistrates were told that the previous parish priest had gone and a new one had taken over and the social club was closed down to everything except religious instruction.

Eldon Taylor, appearing for the five said that as a club they had no rules about drinking up time. On the two

instances when drinking had been going on after hours it was members who had bought drinks before closing time and were drinking them up.

Mr Cecil Pocock, presiding magistrate said that it was a serious offence in a club of this nature and they were bound by the same rules as a public house.

Miss Connolly was fined £50 with £25 costs; McSweeney, £70 with £20 costs; Mrs Quirke, £50 with £20 costs; Mr Quirke, £50 with £20 costs; Mrs Spinks, £140 with £20 costs. She was told that as chairwoman of the club she was most responsible.





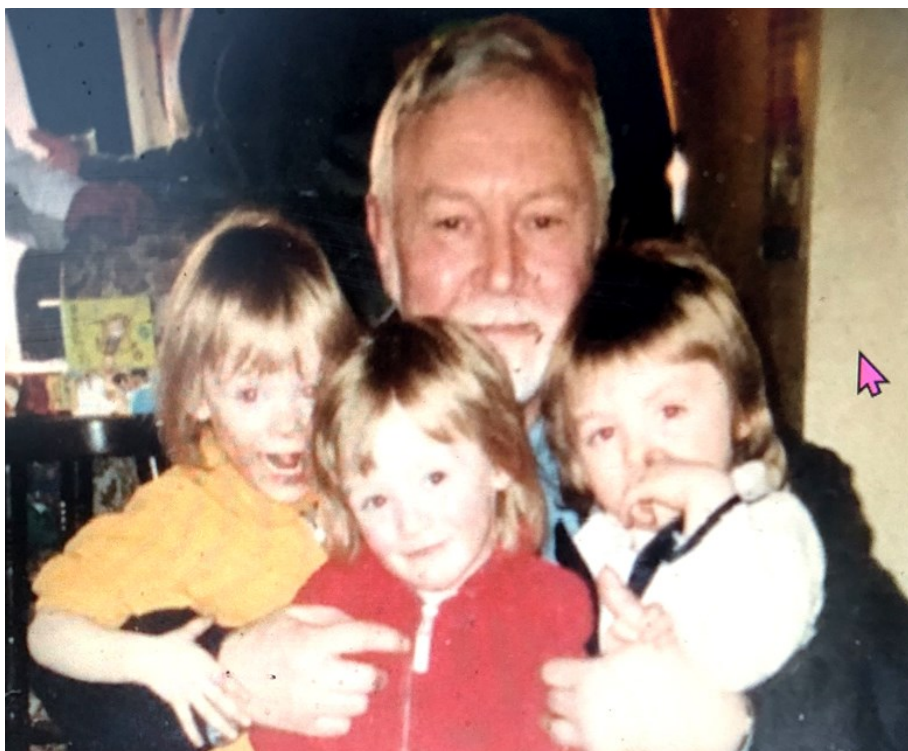
## Joe Gmaj R.I.P. - Clapham College 1955 to 1962

I received the sad news from **Joe`s wife Fran** that Joe had died in late February. He had been suffering from stage 4 lung cancer but nevertheless his demise at the age of 78 came unexpectedly earlier than anticipated.

Joe was a pupil at Clapham from 1955-1962 and went on to study Civil Engineering at Manchester university. Upon graduating he then went to Canada for a few years working for Canadian Pacific Railways. He returned to the UK and we resumed our close contact which we had from the early days at Clapham and up to a few months before his death. In 1970, when I married here in Oslo, then Joe was my best man. He and his then fiancé even came on **my honeymoon in the Norwegian mountains**, something my wife to this day has never forgotten. [*a classic COXA trait ,, I might add ... Scotty*]

When Joe later on married Marlene I was the best man at his wedding in London but was surprisingly not invited to accompany them on their two weeks of married bliss. [*typical*] When **Phil Gray** 1954-1961 was married in Agde then I was Phil`s best man. Joe and another pal from Clapham were also invited and they arrived in France a few days after me. Joe, who I suspect, had not paid too much attention during **Tom Gilmore`s** French lessons, then asked an old lady who was dressed in black and sitting, sobbing, on the steps of the local church "ou est le mari?" He meant to say " ou est le mairie ?" (where Phil was to be married). The reply he received, which he could never forget, was, " mon mari, il est mort" Unforgettable.....

Joe re-married later on in life and, at the age of about 50, became the father of triplets. Life can be tough sometimes but becoming a parent to three kids so late in life takes some beating. There have been many unforgettable episodes throughout the years, I shall never forget him, his friend and classmate...**Richard Clark ++ RIP Joe ++**



Gmaj = G major (or the key of G) is a major scale based on G, with the pitches G, A, B, C, D, E, and F#. Its key signature has one sharp. Its relative minor is E minor and its parallel minor is G minor  
**Possibly not our Joe?**

## Edmund Hodges - his house is empty and no contact number works

Hi Scotty, Its Sofia, Edmund's youngest daughter, here again, as you know I live in Australia. I have come over to help Dad as he has had to go into a care home in tooting after spending the past 5 months in hospital with a broken arm.:-(

He is now very frail, and does not have long left of his precious life.

I have this week, just managed to gain access to his email and I'm attempting to let anyone know who may like to contact him or visit. If you know of anyone else, please do let them know. Many Thanks.

He is in Heritage Care home in Tooting Bec. March 2023

Warmest Regards, Sofia

**Edmund Hodges Art Teacher** 1958 - Head of Art 1969 -1985, Lino prints and Typography. Quote "I started in 1958 after College and National Service. Got quite Arty by 1969. Retired in '85. He also had a daughter who attend the Elliott school.

Edmund is a Major contributor to this web site, correcting the many grammatical mistakes and painstakingly researching details.

Edmund while helping to build this section often observed "I will be remembered differently by different generations!" and this is probably true of most of the entries here.



My last "sad" email from Edmund in 2022 ..words sometimes cannot convey...Apologies Scotty, to anyone on my Contact list who may have had a message saying I was stranded abroad and needing help. I have been hacked and all my mail wiped out. I am in fact safe in Tooting. Best wishes to all, Edmund



Below a photo of the "Fitzgerald Clan", from Stephen [centre] Clapham College in the 1960s. He wrote me a letter and an article - sorry, ran out of space - in next issue



# Personalía - Old Boys Jottings



## 1960s - Clapham College a flavour of the 1960s

1961 Brother Dunstan has written two delightful historical cameos on the early days of College, when boarders walked out on Sundays in Eton suits and top hats and when the lighting in the College consisted of "four fishtail or batwing burners in each classroom protruding from the walls" **Brother Dunstan** continues the saga of the early history of the school and brings us up to the First World War. He describes in detail the opening of the electric tramway which ran along Balham Hill. It is enjoyable reading; for those given to a certain nostalgia for the carefree days of their youth, there is much to amuse in the Form Reports written by the boys themselves. **Master Armstrong of 3A** writes, with something akin to pride, of the day they managed to "cram" nine boys onto one wastepaper basket, which feat was quickly followed by the even more startling success of getting 18(!) boys into one school lavatory; undoubtedly, a matter of convenience. The report on Athletics is revealing. How many Old Xaverians knew that the College supplied two representatives for 'the English Catholic Grammar Schools' Team which took part in the European Catholic Sports held in Spain? Moreover, these two Clapham boys between them gained two silver medals and one bronze medal in these sports; Michael Turvey was second in the triple jump and **Michael Gowan** was second in the 3,000 metres and third in the 1,500 metres. **MICHAEL TURVEY** left the College this summer and added to his athletic successes this season by becoming the Surrey Triple Jump champion. He has now followed this up, by winning the event for the Great Britain "B" Team in the recent international match with Switzerland.

Mr. Johnson, who taught chemistry, also left and his place was finally taken by an Old Boy, **Mr. Kidd**, who had left Clapham but a few years before. More recently the school had the news that Brother Xavier, who taught Latin and French, had had to retire from active teaching and all were sorry to hear this. Brother Xavier's place was taken by Brother Cajetan. This year looks like being a record for the spreading of Clapham boys around the Continent. For the first time for some time there will be two foreign trips—one at Easter, to Paris, with a record number of about forty-five, and one, a camping tour, in July to France and Germany by Minibus, restricted to the Sixth Form. Sometime this term, reputable sources have it, the tuck shop will once again open; in fact, it may be open as you read this. Those boys in the third form and above will remember the last tuck shop session when drinks and snacks were on sale at break and dinnertime, and it is hoped to do the same thing this term under the able managership of **Al Morrish**.

## Clapham College a flavour of the 1960s..continued

We hope your friends had their mantelpieces suitably decorated by the Clapham College Christmas card over the holidays, although we believe some people were unlucky in trying to buy the cards and leaving it too late, thus finding all the cards sold. In fact, the cards, 1,500 in all, disappeared within two weeks of being on sale and tribute must be paid to Mr. Rathborn, who had the job of business managing the whole affair, and also to **Johnny Barnes** who designed the block for the card.

**SPEECH DAY** The Clapham College Prize-giving and Speech Day was held in Battersea Town Hall on Wednesday, November 9th, 1960. This was the first prize-giving to be held there and also the first to be held in November—the others have been held in June. The Chair was taken by the Rev. Bro. Mathias, the Brother Provincial and Chairman of the Board of Governors, and many of the Governors were present on the platform. The prizes this year were to be presented by Councillor J. J. Keen, Deputy Chairman of the London County Council, and the prize-giving and speeches were preceded by a short entertainment. This was provided by the choir, who sang five-part songs (conducted by **Mr. Smith** and accompanied by **Mr. Pocock**); by **J. E. Loosemore**, who gave a piano solo; and by **Ian McCann**, who sang folk songs to his own guitar and banjo-playing. The entertainment was followed by a short interval after which the speeches began. Bro. Mathias gave a short address and called upon the Headmaster to read his report, in which he spoke of the preceding school year and the various school events which took place in it. Mr. Keen was then asked to present the prizes, which he did after a short speech in which he praised the staff and the Headmaster for the work they were doing. Among the prizes presented was the "Bro. Dunstan Chemistry Prize," newly donated by the Old Boys as a tribute to Bro. Dunstan's long association with the College. It was won by **P. Barry**

Hi Scotty,

Sorry to disturb you but do you have **Frank Barretta's** email please? I'm trying to view the **Wilson Bowers** Collection but don't seem to have authority to do so. The message suggests I contact Frank but the link doesn't work.

I was out for a beer with some old classmates on Wednesday and **your age** became a subject of discussion for us (**Paul West, John Hickey, Steve Schwenk, Len Hatton and Joe Murphy**). They had you in your mid-70s but I pointed out that, as we had played in the 1st XI you couldn't be more than 71 or so (I'm 69) The discussion included our appreciation of the work you've done, and continue to do, in keeping the Clapham history alive through the photographs etc that archive. I t's really appreciated.

See you at next year's lunch I expect,

Cheers, **Tom O'Dee [past Head Boy of Clapham College]**

## The Historic COXA “affliction” ...too many Micks

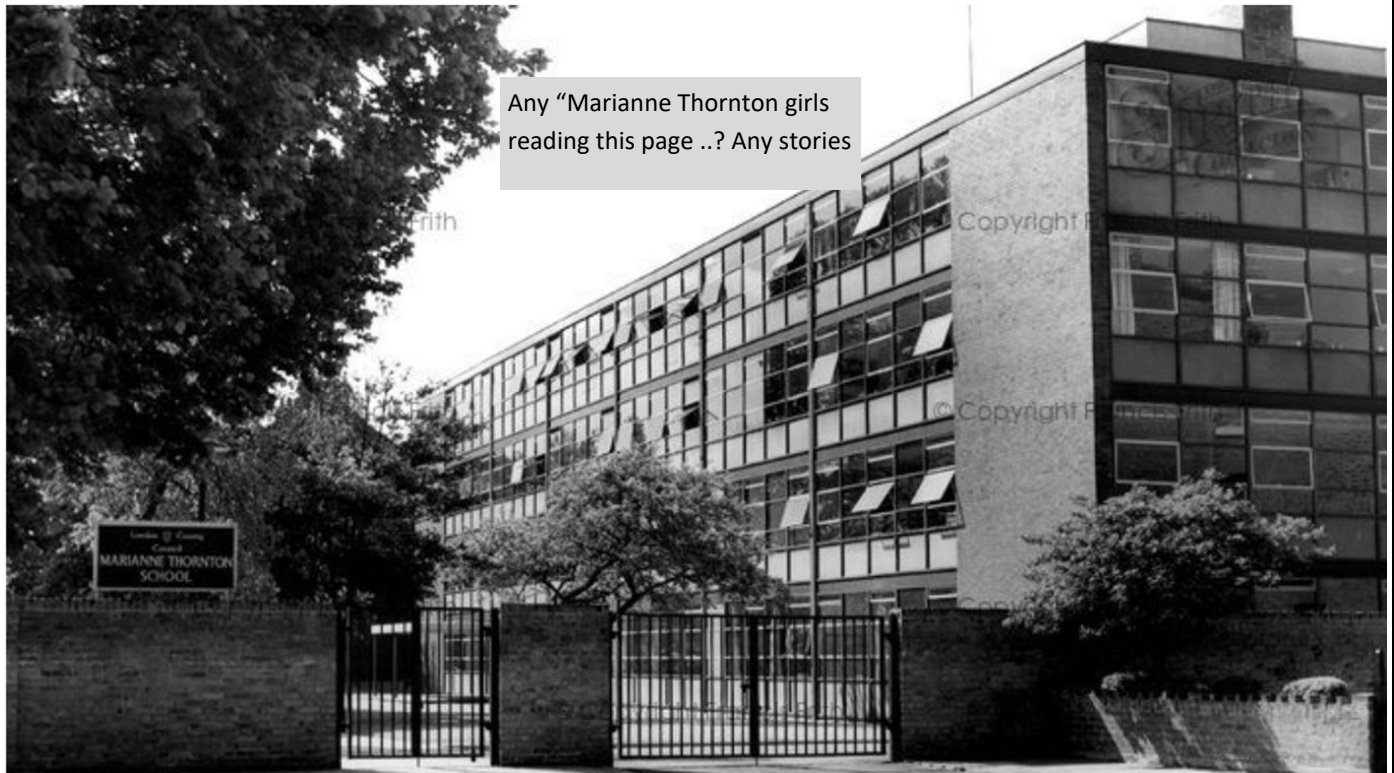
Another photograph of the “Five Micks” - at least the numbers are dwindling from the 7 Micks 3 years ago! Below probably even more “Micks” at Tom McLoughlin’s Wedding in July. Hopefully people “out there” are not offended by the politically incorrect banding of these old men! Concordia comes from a prehistoric, non-PC world; men were men unless “other halves” present! Complaints handled by Donald Trump’s lawyers, so no action until 2040 when I’ll be too senile to care, but probably still editing Concordia,-who’d notice?



Scotty, one for Concordia, celebrating my engagement In New York at the Carlyle Hotel. According to world outside, and TV I should be planning my funeral, not my marriage. Steve Clarke is the only Non Clapham Old Boy, Tom. [*Shame Tom thought you’d have more friends!*]



**My only thought, who was serving the guests while this group of waiters posed for snaps?**



There are 25 Old Xaverians living in different parts of the world. I hope Concordia gives them a rue smile when they think back to schooldays in Clapham. This has always been a *swings and roundabouts group*, some return, more leave, some do both [coming and going regularly] then there are the “undecided”. **Tony Lever** has been one of those, with a foot on the continent, but now has moved.....permanently.

“Good afternoon everyone

This is a group email to all our friends and family regarding the renumbering of our house in France. This is an exercise that is being carried out across France in order to facilitate the delivery of post and parcels to addresses nationwide. The problem being before that many houses over here did not have obvious numbers or names and post was only delivered to the correct address through familiarity by the local postman. As a consequence, lots of post was never delivered correctly or went missing. Now, with the huge increase in internet shopping and deliveries, this has presented a great difficulty for delivery companies, so hence the renumbering exercise.

So.....our address was : **261 rue des Ecoles, 24170, Siorac-en-Perigord, France.**

It is now : **9 rue des Ecoles, Siorac-en-Perigord, France.** [obvious to me, Ed!]

We are in exactly the same house, it’s just a different number, that’s all.

I also have a French mobile phone as well as my UK one.

My email address is no longer [amlever@btinternet.com](mailto:amlever@btinternet.com) (which is now defunct) but has been changed to a more jazzy one!

Very best wishes Tony Lever

I’m sorry but I inadvertently left the postcode off the new number of the house. Derrrr!!

So just reiterate it is **bbxikd888swn”** .....[He’ll be back ...Scotty]

# Personalía - “Shorts”

You still haven't explained why **Dave Breen** was lying all across my Ford Escort in 1971. I remember also that you drove a **drunken Garvey** and a very drunken **Begley** to Streatham in your mini [how can I remember I was only seventeen ...( and on a different night ) Also - “ Disperse, It's the FUZZ” Colin how do I know, YOU were my teachers... Scotty, Terry was working up to last year !! Some months ago , he had some kind of mishap - either a fall, or something medical. He is now at home, with his son calling in to look after him.. One time I rang - no reply. Another time we spoke - He was ok. Let me know if you get through .

Do you remember in 1971 when **Dave Breen** lay on my car bonnet, when I tried to leave the Crown and Sceptre ? I blame you! **Col Garvey [Glad Terry is OK, but are you, Colin?]**

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Dear All, Thanks guys for this award, I was very surprised and grateful to receive it. It was only a short time playing but thoroughly enjoyed, great times especially In the club house after the games when we returned with the points after a north London raid.

Kind regards

Chris Taylor [on his induction into the COXA Hall of Fame...

“Think you are gossing over your football career and achievements a little, Chris!!

We'll done Skip

Scotty

Dear Scotty

Greetings from Cox's Bazaar in Bangladesh ( still working a bit) amazing picture of Cecil, he certainly does not look 95 and it is shame that such a large personality and brain has been taken from us as I am sure he would have wonderful stories to tell, which further confirms what I am thinking at the young age of 74 that we have to cherish what we have and write it down, so that children and grandchildren have a record.

The Old Xaverians are going a long way towards that by writing the marvellous history of the school as we remember it, I intend to do that same for my personal history as I am the son of two immigrants one Irish and the other Italian and I was very fortunate and spent considerable time in Italy in the late 40's and early 50's when most people did not even know what garlic was, so keep up the good work on the magazine and history.

Kind regards

**Ted Corrigan**

If only we could all have a Xaverian credit card like Brother [USA] Peter?

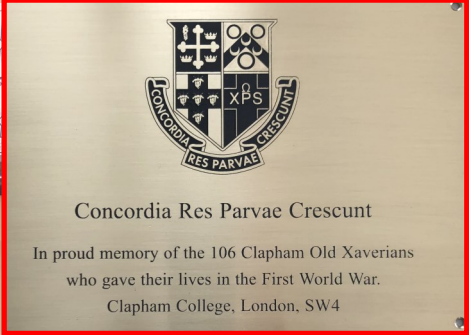







# More on Ypres from Aidan Coletta

For me, the highlight of our trip was on the first evening. The gathering of our party to bless our plaque in St Georges Church took on a special meaning as 19 members took turns reading the names of former pupils who had lost their lives on the Ypres Salient; it was a powerful moment of remembrance and reflection. After the ceremony, we made our way from the Church to the Menin Gate, crossing the magnificent Town Square, still thinking of the beautiful service we had attended. I was proud to have been asked to lay a wreath at the Menin Gate Ceremony on behalf of the school. Through my research of the 106 Clapham Old Boys who died in WW1, some of these fallen soldiers became very familiar to me, this act of remembrance had a profound impact that will be with me forever. Aidan Coletta **COXA WW1 Authority on the Somme**[[






**The Xaverian Brothers'  
Cemetery**

**Visitors Book**

**Information 2023**



Get down to **Mayfield** [before you uncapable] You'll find the **COXA POSTBOX**, with a guest book and sheets of "stuff" , go there sign the Visitors Book, say a prayer for **Brother Ambrose**

Hi Scotty,  
 Hope you are keeping well !  
 Email for your use as requested sometime ago, poor show on my part, I mislaid your note, my apologies.  
 Love reading Concordia and also hearing about events as always.  
 Kind Regards  
 Bryan [Menezes]

**We “lost” Peter Barnham for a while, 50 years after leaving Clapham College, he writes..**

Hello Scotty

Just to say I'm retired now and living in St Leonards-on-Sea for my sins. I spent most of my working life up till my late forties as a self-employed carpenter. In my late forties I began working in Further Education, becoming a fully qualified lecturer delivering and assessing mostly NVQ based courses in carpentry and construction.

I was keen to leave school at 16 and after a couple of false starts chose the 'craft' path rather than the academic. I remember a conversation I had with Br. Peter in 1969 where he appeared surprised that I was leaving and would have offered me a place as a 2nd year 5th. His expression suggested he felt that maybe I wasn't thinking things through but that's a long time ago. My best and favourite subject was chemistry and feedback suggested that I got **Mr Walker** his highest grade 'O' level pass of that year.

I have many recollections of the school and its teachers and one of them are **Terry Clegg's** lessons in the physics lab. Now this teacher had at the time a reputation for telling the most 'corny' of jokes. One remains in my mind and it goes like this. *'I was in the underground station this morning and I thought to myself, this is a groovy place because I noticed a sign saying way out'*. As usual following his punchline came a deafening cacophony of jeers and cheers accompanied by bench thumping which would have brought any lesson in the chemistry lab upstairs to an immediate halt also maybe pausing lessons in the main building adjacent to the toilets.

Yes I remember **Kevin Bond**, he was the lad who even the 'bad boys' wouldn't pick on. **Paul Bibby, John Ryan, Ben Benedict, Kieron Pender and Des Delaney were all wary of him. Best wishes Peter Banham**

Hi Scotty

I attended Clapham College 1964 to 1969, in the 'A' stream. The 60's were a heady and very unique time to be at a school like ours because of the great changes that were taking place in all aspects of society and life in general.

How long will the opportunity be open to put something together for this ? I have many memories of the staff, pupils and daily happenings. When I started in Form 1A Bill Blight was the maths teacher, Ernie Wright was still teaching chemistry. Sad about Bill Kidd, do we know anything about Mr Walker who replaced him ?

Best wishes Peter Banham

**Don't go “missing again, Peter**

## Mick Gowan RIP + Sushil Soloman RIP + and good news on Peter Steer

Scotty,

Yesterday seven Clapham old Xaverians attended the funeral of **Mick Gowan** at Woking Crematorium - **Alec Morrish, Ben Schwenk, Colin Garvey, Lorcan Farrelly, Phil Roderick Jones and Pete Keenan**. **John Gowan**, Mick's brother, gave the Eulogy.

Reference was made to Mick's time at Clapham College, his athletics achievements - Surrey Champion at 1500 and 3000 metres, and a marathon of 2hrs 40. There was a big attendance of friends and family, which is a tribute to a great man.

**Colin Garvey** - some of Mick's achievements remembered earlier in this edition.

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### Graham Hudson

Hi Scotty,

I am sorry to tell you that I have just heard that **Sushil Solomon** - long-time maths teacher at the College died on May 22nd

I knew Sushil quite well I played bridge both with him and against him and found him quite formidable. His name along with that of his wife Sushmar is to be found on the honours board at South Croydon bridge club.

He was an entertaining cricketer, When batting he loved to play the cut. When the opposition captain set the appropriate field he would cut off the front foot causing the opposition considerable confusion, He was a tireless medium pace bowler who could cut the ball both ways. My favourite memory is playing at Dulwich where he was being driven on the off-side. He asked me for a close catcher and I sent **Mick Butler** (I think) to field at silly mid-off. Sushil insisted he should be on the on-side where the batsman had not a single ball. When he was caught at silly mid on two balls later I duly accepted the plaudits for an inspired piece of captaincy.

Back in the seventies the staff were quite young Sushil and Sushmar invited me, **Mick Casserly and Dave Burnham** for a home-cooked meal, I have eaten many Indian meals before and since but that was the best ever.

Sushil was 87. My thoughts are with Sushmar and his two children.

Graham

[I should have known that a eulogy written by Graham would concentrate on Sushil's "front foot cut"...should other Xaverians [teachers at the college wish to remember some of Sushil's other attributes feel free to write to me - a lovely man + RIP Sushil + : Scotty]

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On Saturday, 27 May 2023 at 16:47:10 BST, **Peter Steer** wrote

**I am now 90. Have a few problems walking these days, due to back problems but I am alright round the house. Still managed to do the lawns etc...although my mower holds me up but more limited when doing other things.**

Regards PETER STEER..

[Peter was at Clapham College at the end of World War Two], he now resides in Norfolk. Peter was one of our oldest "new" Members in 2015 at eighty three, so let that be a lesson, it is NEVER too late to join the Old Xaverians. [or WRITE a paragraph]

After all the reason **400 Old Xaverians** are in the Association is to see their name in print!

.....and to get a "Xaverian send off" .... Scotty

**Antony Richins** [found in an old "outbox"] wrote this years ago. English Cathedrals apart from (Salisbury and Wells) had monastic chapters. The reason for the Impalement of Canterbury at Clapham College was that the lower right panel was claimed by the "arms" of the Xaverian Congregation. It is perhaps best not to show this to an English Heraldry enthusiast although... We are now in the EU (for the present). Kind regards. **AR**

No idea what Father Richins was on-about, think it was the Clapham Crest, who'd argue?

Hi Scotty. I will commit some thoughts to (electronic) paper in the next few days. (And any names for the year list) Lost contact with all sadly, though @2010 I did attend a gig at the Bull at Barnes at which **Jimmy Chambers** (a close college friend) was coaxing sweet sounds from a saxophone. Startled to see how many of CC boys were ordained and makes me wonder how a college sent so many different personalities into the adult world which awaited. And the knowledge that there are those among us who trod out to Magdalen, Kings et al makes me rush for the spell-checker if only to prove that **Mr Begley's** (RIP) (English master 1950s) comments on my annual report were grossly inaccurate. (I'm sure he would not have approved of starting a sentence with *And*.)

**Terry**.... Nov last year "*sharkbites*"

Hi Donald A very late reply to yours. I have been a little under the weather the last few months having had a heart operation last July, it really knocked the stuffing out of me, but hopefully I am on the mend as I speak. My memories of Clapham are not the best to cut a very long story short I fell foul of **Brother Joseph** over a broken door handle and in front of the whole school he gave me a rollicking and sent me home. I was so upset that I refused to go back and I left of my own volition. That was in the fourth year which was a shame because I was doing ok education-wise. I left Clapham circa 1953/1954 and joined the Royal Navy for 12 years where I got to Petty Officer. On leaving the navy I went to work at Heathrow for the Israelis' where I stayed until I retired in 2001.

After retirement until my surgery I worked for the local council driving a bus for the mentally handicapped. As a coincidence during my time in the navy I met up with a chap called **John Sheridan** who was a year ahead of me at Clapham, He was the medic on a ship called HMS Agincourt, we served on her for 2 years. John went on and was commissioned and attained the rank of Lt Commander Wardmaster. **[PS I went to John's funeral in Portsmouth a few years back, a very formal Royal Navy event, well until the "Old Xaverian" in him burst out and he was carried out of the church, Hat, Medals and Sword on top of his coffin, to the tune of "What do we do with a drunken sailor" ..top man Ed]**

I left the RN circa 1965/6 and ventured into the big bad world. Enough of this claptrap about me it was good to hear from you and may I wish you and yours all the best for Christmas and the New Year Kind regards from **Brian Cook**

Hi Scotty Don't know if you are aware that **Peter McFall** was on the Repair Shop TV programme on Wednesday (series 12 episode 1). His father owned the Cavern Club in Liverpool in the 60's at the time of the Beatles birth. He brought in a calendar from 1963 with booking appointments. You can watch the show on BBCiplayer now. His dad went bankrupt in 1966 and the family moved to London when Peter joined Clapham College in 3A in 1966. (The same year as me and Kevin B. But we were Alphas). I've got him as a Facebook friend and last saw him about 6 years ago).

Didn't know if this would be useful "copy" for you (if that's the right jargon)

Regards **Martin Finnigan**

# Personalía. . . . Don't read first article ..just annoying

Thanks Scotty, we went round South America on a ship, highlights of which were Rio/Christ the Redeemer, Falklands, Cape Horn/Chilean fjords/glaciers, Panama Canal transit. Unfortunately didn't get to Peru/Machu Picchu due political instability and need to return to Easter Island and Galapagos. Last stop was northern Spain where we ticked Santiago de Compostela off our bucket list. **Graham Hillier** [why email all this detail- just sat "can't come"]

## "Hall of Fame quotes and notes"

**Andrew Brannon** [on his Hall of Fame Award]

Was a great event, very well compered.....

"I am honoured to be on that Honours Board..thought as an outsider, who didn't attend Clapham College, who joined the Old Xaverians late in my football career, that I would NEVER be added to this prestigious honour, I was truly delighted" Andy

.....  
**Mick McLoughlin**, the last Xaverian to be inducted in the Hall of Honour was generally elated / relieved. There was lots more from Mick, a lot which cannot be repeated or understood through "the blubber" ...A very popular addition to the Hall of Fame along-side others such as the **Hixsons, Leathems and Paul West**, Mick left with his certificate ..stating *This is a great Club, I love this Club, I'm honoured!!!* **Who'd argue with him?**

Hi Scotty

Fun day on Saturday at the COXA Hall of Fame presentation evening and although honoured to be added to the Hall of Fame I was disappointed to receive **(after 6 years!)** a "**crossed out**" "**Henry Pinsent** certificate". You try convincing my doubting family it is the genuine article!!!! A replacement certificate would be appreciated so I can convince everyone that I am not a fraudster, Cheers, Mick Powell

[a spanking new Certificate was dispatched the same day remembering Mick Powell's 25 year COXA football career, 400 plus appearances and those three goals...]

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**Terry Boley** on his friend **Ray Abrines** ( Clapham College 1948-54 )

Ray died peacefully on the 23rd July 2023 aged 88. Latterly he had been in a care home [he had dementia]. Ray was one of the cohort of Sixth Form students in 1954 who went to University along with **Christopher Swan and Brian Holohan** ( both deceased ). Ray studied at Queen Mary College, University of London ( QMC ) where he obtained a First Class Honours Degree in Mathematics, followed by an M.Sc..He then went into teaching and for many years he was a Senior Lecturer in Mathematics at Kingston University.

Ray had to take early retirement due to ill-health but he was able to continue to travel around his beloved Spain on numerous occasions with his wife Jo.

Ray is survived by Jo, whom he met at QMC, she was also studying Maths, and their daughter Nicol..**Terry B.** Lastly Scotty.....

Surprised to see myself in a group photo of a football team! **Chris Scott's** photo on p19 has me in blazer and tie on the back row next to the teacher on the far right. Maybe I had been drafted in to run the line? No need for "sporting excuses" ..just read **Mick Powell's** plea!! In the front row, third from right, is **Freddi** - can't remember his first name.

**Terry Boley** [so, we do read Concordia each quarter to "see" our names in print ..please!!]

## Personalia ...lost and found.....

**Mick Meade.** He used to live in Mitcham and I assume that's your contact address. I suspect that he has retired and it is likely that he has moved to Norfolk to pursue boating interests but I have no means of confirming, can *Colin* help? Mick was always good company but hard to pin down.....

Dear Scotty

Greetings from Cox's Bazaar in Bangladesh ( still working a bit) amazing picture of Cecil, he certainly does not look 95 and it is shame that such a large personality and brain has been taken from us as I am sure he would have wonderful stories to tell, which further confirms what I am thinking at the young age of 74 that we have to cherish what we have and write it down, so that children and grandchildren have a record.

The Old Xavierians are going a long way towards that by writing the marvellous history of the school as we remember it, I intend to do that same for my personal history as I am the son of two immigrants one Irish and the other Italian and I was very fortunate and spent considerable time in Italy in the late 40's and early 50's when most people did not even know what garlic was, so keep up the good work on the magazine and history.

Kind regards **Ted Corrigan**



Nice to get post..and in **David Miles** case a Van Gogh print from "The Tate". David stated that he's been in touch with Colin Garvey and left him his "treasured" multiplication tables booklet he'd used at Clapham College in the 1950s! Colin must have been besotted by it as even though David gave him an sae, he never returned it! [Garvey probably "trousered" the envelope and stamp! David, still living in

South London, all these years after leaving Clapham, says he gets a Christmas card from **Frank Burkhard**, whose grandson [Tom McIntyre] plays for Reading Football Club.




Gents, On Friday I joined **Ted, Brian and Alec** at the Almeyn's Head ( their monthly Friday night meeting). I was talking to them about two COXA matters , discussed at the COXA zoom meeting last Thursday . On both matters they were unanimous in their opinions - Firstly they agreed with the idea of Paul Barber's Xaverian relics being placed in the SFX Chapel. Ted pointed out that the OXs have enough funds to pay for secure mountings for these relics! Secondly they expressed their delight at Scotty's stone at the Mayfield cemetery. They were even more impressed of thru interest [and cash], from the American Xaverian brothers. They expressed interest in visiting the site, possibly in September if car- sharing could be organised . That was all. We then moved on to talk about **Denis Quin, Derek Rowe, and Henry Pinsent** !!!! Colin Garvey... as always some good ideas from Colin + octogenarians drinking in a Pub

# Mick Gowan RIP

Gents, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb

It is with sadness that I have to report that **Mick Gowan**, of the class of 54, died on Friday night . He had been in hospital/ hospice for some weeks ( brain tumour). He was one of Clapham's best ever athletes ( 4.01 for the mile). Mick's wife died perhaps 10 years ago, and in the ensuing years, Mick raised thousands of pounds ( bike riding) to support the hospice. In a way it was fitting that Mick spent his last weeks there.

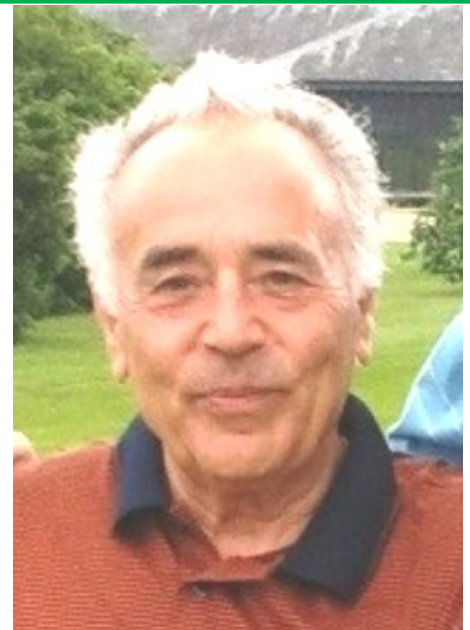
May he rest in peace .Colin Garvey

<p>CLAPHAM COLLEGE, NIGHTINGALE LANE, LONDON, S.W.4. 30.5.60.</p> <p>Congratulations to Mick Gowan.</p> <p>Surrey County Championship Meet. Motspur Park. 28.5.60.</p> <p>Mick Gowan won the Youth Mile in a new County and School record time of 4 minutes 31.2 seconds. With this win he has gained his first County gold Medal.</p> <p>Congratulations. Br. Peter.</p>	<p><b>Mick winning The Mile at the South London Grammar School Meet 1960</b></p>  <p>Motspur Park</p> <p><b>Mick kept this letter from Brother Peter, think he originally stated writing "Johnny". A bit "stark" for such an achievement!</b></p>
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OK, I found room for the Phil-Roderick Jones story

Remember those puzzles in the Papers when two similar pictures you have to **"Spot the Difference"**? Any thoughts? Well five foot eight Phil was the body-double of **Raquel Welsh** the film, "Fathom! he was her stunt double, leaping into flames and jumping out of planes.



Saw a few clips of a guy in a silver suit parachuting and catching fire. I can assure you 100% he was not In bedroom scenes. Well he might have been, but not as a body-double.....you know "our Phil".....

# Cecil Pocock—admirers in High Places - and lots of love from the USA

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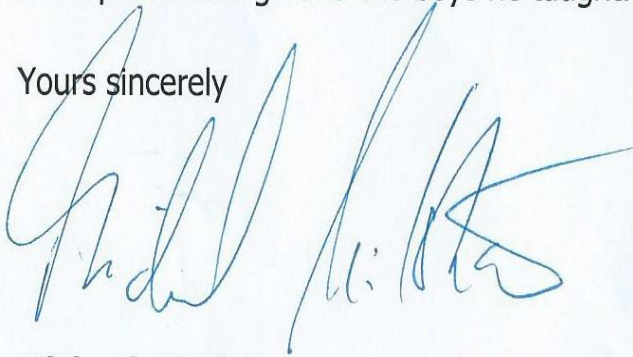
**Sir Michael Wilshaw**  
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector

Dear Don

I was delighted to receive your note on the article in the *Times Educational Supplement*, 'My best teacher – Cecil Pocock'.

about him to have read that piece and to remember the great contribution he made to Clapham College and the boys he taught.

Yours sincerely



**Michael Wilshaw**

Sir Michael Wilshaw was a great admirer of Cecil and wrote a large article in the Times Ed Supplement on "My best teacher - "Cecil Pocock", he was unaware at the time that Cecil was still alive - I wrote to him in 2015, Sir Michael's article is on the COXA Website. The article below was from the Milwaukee Chronicle welcoming Cecil back to the USA Hundreds turned up with banners [Beatles-style] to welcome back their beloved Mr Pocock

But this is not the full story of Sir Michael Wilshaw. He becomes almost dewy-eyed when asked who was his inspiration: a man called Cecil Pocock who taught him history in Clapham, south London. "I don't know if he is still alive. I hope so," he says softly. Wilshaw realises that he is, in the eyes of some, tarnished by his good working relationship with Gove.



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## THE MILWAUKEE

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Friday, June 2, 1967



**STUDENTS WELCOME FORMER TEACHER**—More than 200 Greendale high school students greeted Cecil Pocock (center), a London history teacher, Thursday as he arrived at Gen. Mitchell field. Pocock, 38, taught at Greendale high school last year under an exchange program. He served as adviser to the junior class. Shortly after his return to England last July, his former students organized a campaign to bring him back to the school for their commencement next Thursday. The group raised \$450 at a dance to provide plane fare. Pocock, a teacher at Clapham college, will be in Greendale until June 15 when he will return to England.

Journal Photo



## Iconic Clapham Old Xaverian locations from slightly different angles



Clapham College from the air [a drone I think they are called]..pick out the places you recognise and those you don't.. The luxury Old Folks Home replacing the Police Section House. The Falcon , mainly the "haunt" of the Class of '54 nowadays- but only a few of those octogenarians would recognise it from this angle-we few look around, it's instinct!



Familiar photographs / familiar rhetoric - but not a double-take  
- it's the USA Xaverian publication - **Concordia** "this month".

*The chalice donated by Xaverian Associate Chuck Belzner and his wife Kay was used for the first time in Congo at the Profession Liturgy on Friday morning in Lubumbashi. Thanks again to Chuck and Kay for their generous gift and to Brother William Ciganek for coordinating the gift.*



*The "Clapham Old Xaverians Association" (the alumni association of Clapham College, established and operated by the Brothers for many years) is completing a project to refurbish and rededicate the Xaverian Brothers cemetery in Mayfield, England. Mayfield is the site of another Xaverian college, now closed, which has been converted into a residential community. A focal point of the refurbishment is this monument remembering all the deceased Xaverians who served at Clapham and Mayfield, as well as some other staff members and pupils who are buried at the site. A committee of alumni raised the funds, supplemented by financial support from the congregation, and then planned and supervised the work. They will also be planning a ceremony and reception when the project has been completed. The legacy of the Brothers endures and continued to inspire these alumni.*

## How the Xaverians care for their deceased

**Brother Peter Campbell**, Xaverian Order in the USA has a real passion for the Brother's Cemetery at Mayfield - In Sept, 2023, his words were read at the blessing of our stone.

The Xaverian Brothers were founded in Belgium in 1839 and soon thereafter began ministries in England—first in Manchester and then other locations including Mayfield College and Clapham College in London. One of the many policies followed by the Xaverian brothers was generally that a Brother was buried in a cemetery near where he died. Throughout Xaverian history Brothers were buried in almost fifty locations around the world including one Brother buried at sea in 1934 on his way to the Congo. Most cemeteries used for Xaverian burials were in or Catholic sites in nearby towns. The many several notable exceptions where school campuses were developed. A large majority of the Brothers buried in England and in the United States are buried on Xaverian school property. Ongoing cemetery maintenance is always a challenge especially when a former school site is no longer controlled by the Xaverian Brothers. Such is the case in Mayfield.

Over the years local Xaverians in each country were responsible for cemetery matters. The change recognized the reality that the Xaverian Brothers were aging and becoming fewer in Europe and the USA. What was formerly easy to do - maintain school based cemeteries-by Brothers living on site became more and more difficult and even impossible. The Xaverian UK cemetery at Mayfield is a prime example of a need the Brothers could no longer meet. It was then that the Committee of the Clapham Old Xaverians stepped in to address the situation. We are most grateful for the interest, hard work, and direction that has been shown in recent years to preserve a fitting resting place for the many UK Xaverians and several others buried there. We are delighted for the involvement and actions, taken by the Clapham Xaverians to rehabilitate, maintain and add a new memorial stone to the Mayfield Xaverian cemetery.

While the first Xaverian to die in the UK was buried in Manchester (1864), the Mayfield site was used for almost 100 of the 114 Xaverian UK burials beginning in 1894. Other than the Mayfield Cemetery, Xaverians are buried in seven other UK locations including one in 1899 on the Isle of Wight, several in the London area and the remainder in Manchester. The experience of not being able to maintain a Xaverian cemetery located on a school property once a school closed taught the Xaverian leadership a lesson. In the Mayfield experience there was the added complication of the property passing through several owners with the current Mayfield property owners having no relationship to the Congregation. Hoping to avoid this problem in the future in 1996 in the USA where three Xaverian schools-St. John's Prep in Massachusetts, St. Mary's Ryken in Maryland, and St. Xavier's in Kentucky. They now have burial sites with written understandings in place with each school that it will maintain the Xaverian burial sites into the future. This has not been an issue, and each school takes great pride in cemetery maintenance. St. John's Prep, in Massachusetts, on its own initiative, and expense, have upgraded its cemetery site and restored fading stones.

THE XAVERIAN ORDER WILL BE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL FOR THE WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS TO ACKNOWLEDGE & COMEMORATE THOSE XAVERIAN BROTHERS WHO HAD TAUGHT THEM

GOD BLESS YOU ALL – YOU ARE ALWAYS IN MY PRAYERS Brother Peter E. Campbell, CFX

# Professor Michael Turvey, Ohio. RIP Aug 2023



There is fascinating article first published in *Concordia*, 2019 'Michael Turvey.' As Professor Emeritus, University of Connecticut he was best known for his pioneering work in ecological psychology and in applying dynamic systems approach for the study of motor behaviour. He was the top and most innovative academic in his field - world renowned. Yet his education "love" was rooted in his time at Clapham College and his most inspirational teacher was "of course" Cecil Pocock, who he always made a effort to visit from his home in Ohio, USA

*Scotty writes:* ...Mick really comes under the title of Great Xaverians... in fact great man! Always a COXA member and proud of it, one of the great band of men who saw Cecil as truly inspirational. He was a fantastic sportsman and academic at Clapham and led the Brain Drain to the USA! University lecturer, loved by all. He wrote papers that became the standard world thinking in the 21st century, a true pioneer...he wrote books and added chapters to dozens of others!

**A great man, but also found time to reflect on his friends at Clapham even as far as writing for Concordia! One of the last of the "few" His funeral in the USA was a huge event. + Rest in Peace Mick +**

Mike Turvey also had a real sense of humor..he also won the **2004 Ig Nobel Prize** in Physics along with Professor Ramesh Balasubramaniam of Cognitive & Information Sciences at the University of California, for exploring and explaining the dynamics of hula-hooping. (Reference: "Coordination Modes in the Multisegmental Dynamics of Hula Hooping," Ramesh Balasubramaniam and Michael T. Turvey, *Biological Cybernetics*, vol. 90, no. 3, March 2004, pp. 176–90.) [Is this a high calibre joke, too much for me!! Ed,,] **Ted Corrigan**

**Education: Clapham College 1953 to 1960 [Glastonbury] in the "A" group. Triple-jumper - Captain of England "B" Athletics team - Now a few career qualifications / awards**

DLC 1963 Physical Education, Loughborough College, England (First Class Honors) M.A. 1964 Physical Education, Ohio State University Ph. D.1967 Experimental and Physiological Psychology, Ohio State University Honors, Awards, Fellowships: Wortley Prize, Institute of Education, Nottingham University, 1963 Ohio State University Graduate Student Teaching Excellence Award, 1967 John S. Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, 1973 Early Career Award, American Psychological Association, 1974 University of Connecticut Alumni Association Award for Teaching Excellence, 1975 Fellow at Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, CA, 1980 The Honored Professor in Humanities and Social Science, University of Connecticut, 1984 James McKeen Cattell Fellowship, 1987 Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences (elected 1994) University of Connecticut Alumni Association Distinguished Professor 1994-1997 Honorary Doctor of Philosophy, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, 1995 Distinguished Scientist Lecturer, American Psychological Association, 1998 Fellow of the Society for Experimental Psychologists (elected 1999) University of Connecticut Board of Trustees' Distinguished Professor, 2000 American Psychological Foundation F. J. McGuigan Lecturer, 2003 National Science Foundation Distinguished Speaker, 2003 Fellow, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, 2004 "Ig Nobel" Prize in Physics, 2004 Ohio State University, Department of Psychology, Distinguished Alumnus Award 2006 Chair, Society of Experimental Psychologists 2007 Selection Committee, Connecticut Medal of Science 2007-2011 President of the International Society for Motor Control 2007-2011 Bernstein Prize in Motor Control (International Society for Motor Control) 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award, Society of Experimental Psychologists 2011 Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, Florida Atlantic University 2011 Glushko-Samuelson Distinguished Cognitive Scientist Award (for Pioneering Research in Cognitive Science), 2012 Ohio University College of Education Human Ecology Career Achievement Award, 2013 Association for Psychological Science (Inaugural) Lifetime Mentor Award, 2013

if you have read all that see Michael Turvey "in action" at <http://www.psychologicalscience.org/>

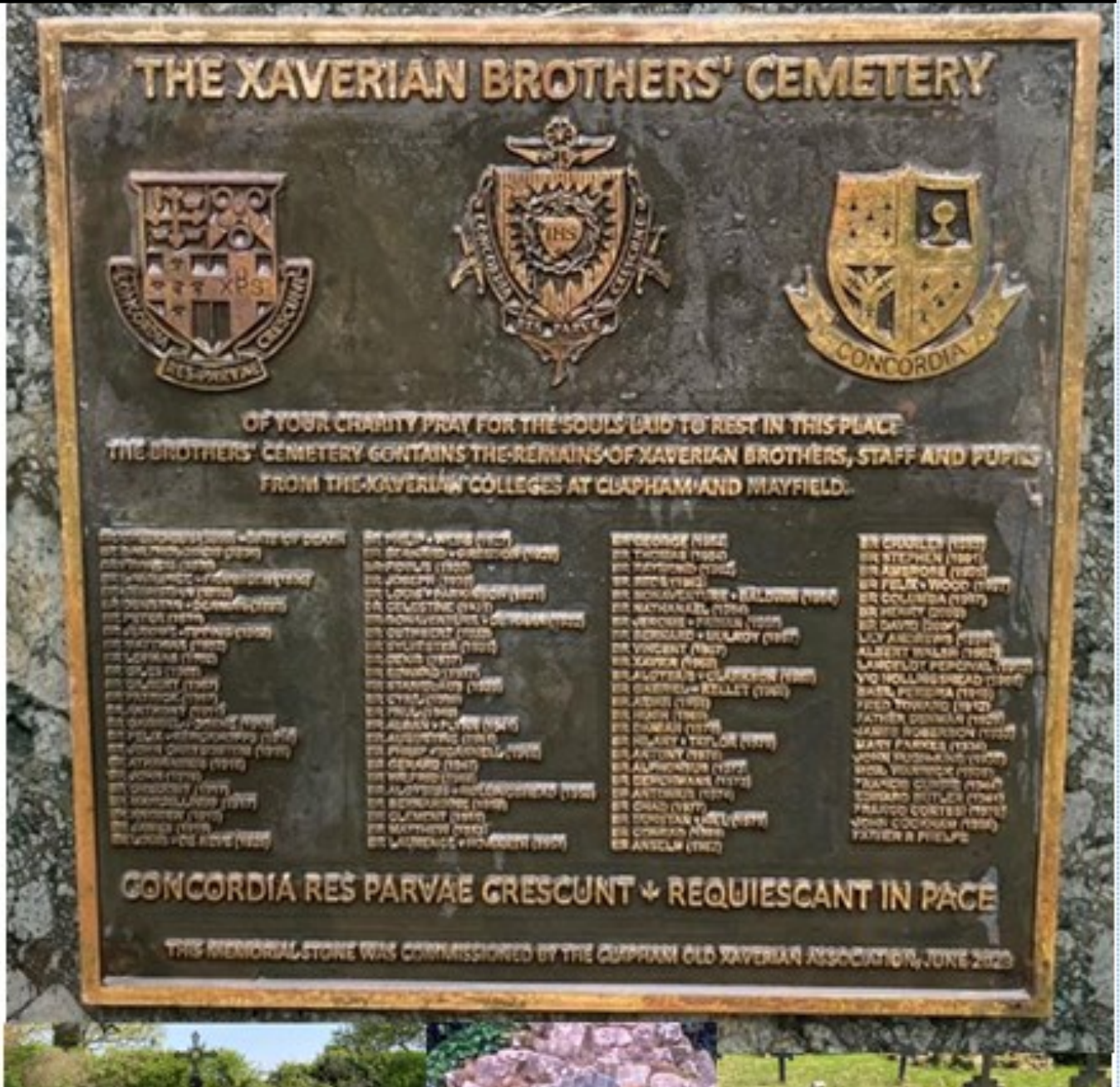
The COXA Summer Lunch, the Union Jack Club, now "cemented" into the COXA Calendar



**Our Granite Memorial Stone, chosen in N. Wales, fitted by the COXA "crew", think we cheered Brother Peter [USA] up!!**



The Plaque - commemorating 150 years of Xaverian Education in England



BR CHARLES (1983)  
 BR STEPHEN (1991)  
 BR AMBROSE (1995)  
 BR FELIX WOOD (1997)  
 BR COLUMBA (1997)  
 BR HENRY (2000)  
 BR DAVID (2004)  
 LILY ANDREWS (1899)  
 ALBERT WALSH (1902)  
 LANCELOT PERCIVAL (1903)  
 VIC HOLLINGSHEAD (1908)  
 BASIL PEREIRA (1910)  
 FRED TOWARD (1912)  
 FATHER DENMAN (1929)  
 JAMES ROBERSON (1933)



Br. Peter [USA] not Peter Pointon, finally got his wish; a monument to the UK Brothers

LAID TO REST IN THIS PLACE  
 XAVERIAN BROTHERS, STAFF AND PUPILS  
 PHAM AND MAYFIELD.  
 THE XAVERIAN BROTHERS

**A Challenge to both our younger [60 year-olds-plus .. and the older!! ]**

**First the Youngsters;**this is a football tour of young Xaverians. Dodgy haircuts were the order of the day..and dodgy T-Shirts..what happened to matching Tour Shirts? Draw a series of circles and name from left to right-add detail and a story [far left is a Salesian!].

**Now the older Old Boys-Brian Baldock, ex-Chair of Mencap and M & S; I lost contact..help!**

