



CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Dinner and Dance

Saturday, 18th February

This is the most important date in the whole year, so mark it in your diary and book your tickets straightway ... before you have a chance to forget. We aim to make the 18th an evening to be remembered; indeed, to set an all time "high" for the Dinner. Regrettably, we use that word in more senses than one, because it has become quite inevitable that the price of tickets must be increased. Faced with this, the Committee has determined to counter the increase by seeking to make the evening more enjoyable: several extra items will be introduced and we have a new, more suitable venue - the Abingdon Suite, Church House, Westminster.

We've warned the Prices and Incomes Board that we can't afford to sell the tickets for just the price of the meal and we think that at the end of the evening you will agree you've had value for money. Let's face it, with the dinner alone costing 30/-, gratuities and S.E.T. premiums then, say, 5/- for Brother Peter's speech, you're getting nearly three hours dancing -- with bar extension -- for about 2/6d. Cheap at half the price! So do come along in your hundreds. There is no problem about car parking, or, if you don't drink and drive, it's ideally placed for all forms of public transport.

To recap : the DINNER & DANCE is on

SATURDAY, 18th FEBRUARY, 6.45 for 7.15 p.m., at the

ABINGDON SUITE, CHURCH HOUSE, Great Smith Street, Westminster.

TICKETS ARE 40/- each. Dress optional.

Please use the enclosed booking form (Section A is for the Dinner) and return it as soon as possible, because the closing date for acceptances by post is the 8th February. After that, please ring Social Secretary, Dave Martin, at his office (HOL 9222 ext. 6264) where he will take bookings until 13th February. ALL MONIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 17th FEBRUARY.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Dinner, but perhaps this is the year for some of our senior members to make a welcome reappearance -- and to make sure their particular friends come too. A special welcome also for the recent school-leavers and our Associate Members, who we can invite for the first time, thanks to the Abingdon Suite.

Subscription Reminder

Polite Notice : No Free Parking

Members who have not paid their subscriptions for 1966/67 are requested (politely -- at this stage -- as they are only three months late!) to send them NOW to the Hon. Treasurer. The current rates are :-

Section B of the enclosed form can be used for remitting subscriptions. Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to "Clapham Old Xaverians Association" and crossed. There is, of course, an easier way to pay: have you thought of completing a bankers order? This means the transfer is made quite painlessly on 1st October every year and your conscience is always clear. The Treasurer will gladly provide you with a form, or, if you prefer, you can use the standard form obtainable from your bank -- but do send it to Tony Morrish, not direct to the bank.

Christmas Draw

Final Figures

Still on finance, the Committee would like to thank all those who supported the draw. You will be pleased to hear that the profit to the Association was in the region of £78 and a similar sum went to the College Building Fund.

A list of prizewinners is enclosed.

Lenten Retreat

Sunday, 26th February

We have arranged our usual Day of recollection at Kelston, though, with Easter so early this year, it has moved forward to 26th February. The day starts with Mass and Holy Communion at 9 a.m., followed by breakfast and a full programme of spiritual exercises, ending at about 5.30 p.m.. Kelston is, of course, at the "other" end of Nightingale Lane, facing Wandsworth Common.

Full details will be sent to those wishing to attend, but please book early, as numbers are somewhat restricted by the accommodation. Section C of the booking/remittance form is for the Retreat -- don't take that as a request for money, as we invite those present to contribute whatever sum they think fit, on the day.

Some members have expressed a wish to bring their wives on these Retreats, but we regret this is not possible. Kelston does not cater for mixed parties and it is not easy to find an alternative centre - so, once again, members only.

Boxing Day Football

Footballers 2 - Cricketers 0

As threatened, the Cricketers produced their secret weapon - "Nobby" Hayter playing a deep-lying role, that is, mainly in a reclining position. Here is a report of the match as seen by "Nobby" -- it is a fairly full report as he spent most of the time watching! Now read on ...

Twenty press-ups and a trot round the bed is not exactly ideal training for a game of football after a three year lay off, but was the most I could manage before Boxing Day.

At a rather later hour than intended, twenty-one skeletal figures and myself joined in combat. Ten of the twenty-one were on my side, but they were usually running so fast that I was hard pressed to distinguish faces as I puffed my few meagre yards before entering into a strong coughing session. I did notice that we, the Cricketers, seemed to be fighting a somewhat losing battle, even though Tony Amura and John McGuire were both flogging themselves to death on our behalf.

The wicket was becoming even more sticky as the Footballers foraged and eventually the Cricketers' valiant defence, with "old faithful" Denis Quin as its bulwark, was finally split. Towards the end of the first half a fine pass by Colin Garvey left Peter Brown to pick his spot for a well taken goal.

The second half saw a repetition of the first and Jerry Fitzgerald let forth a choice epithet as he missed for the Footballers from a few feet out. Still, he redeemed his earlier miss by scoring some ten minutes later. By this time, I had finished making my six inch runs with (? - Ed.) the ball and was now able to distinguish more faces, as the Christmas festivities took their toll and the pace slackened.

A well deserved 2 - 0 victory for the Footballers, but I feel sure that if I don't play next year, we must win!

"Concordia"

An Apology

We very much regret that Concordia has been badly delayed this year. We seem to have been beset by many difficulties and it is still with the printers. Members will be sent the magazine at the earliest possible moment.



The Clapham Old Xaverians' Association

46 Eldred Drive,
Orpington,
Kent.

17th May, 1967.

Dear Parent,

In September your son will begin a new crucial phase of his life at Clapham College. The years he spends at the college will influence the rest of his life and if he is like so many of us former pupils he will not want to end his connections and loyalties that he has acquired when he leaves the college. This is where you can help.

By becoming an Associate Member of the Old Boys Association for the next five years your son will receive five years free membership of the Association when he leaves the college. While you are an Associate Member you are welcomed and encouraged to attend all our social functions, to participate fully in our activities and to make use of all the facilities provided by the Association be they sporting or otherwise. You will receive our regular newsletter COXAN, our annual 'Concordia' and be kept informed of all that is going on.

How much does it cost? Surprisingly little. The annual subscription for Associate Membership is 15s. Od. or you can pay the complete five year subscription at a reduced rate of £3. 10. Od. Subscriptions paid now will be for the year beginning 1st. October, 1967. If you would like to join please fill in the attached form and hand it in tonight or you can take it away and send it together with your remittance to the Association's treasurer, whose name and address is on the form.

The Associate Members are represented on the Association's general committee by: R. Massara, 27 Upwood Road, Norbury, London, S.W.16. Telephone: Pollard 8431. He will be pleased to answer any queries that you have and give you any details that you may require. Brother Christopher, CFX, who is our link with the college and with you through your son, will always be pleased to give you any help.

We look forward to meeting you at all or any of our future functions.

Yours sincerely,

E. J. HAYTER

Chairman

- CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS ASSOCIATION -

Chairman: -E.J.Hayter,
46, Eldred Drive,
Orpington, Kent.

13th January 1966

Dear Associate Member,

Dinner/Dance-18th February

We were very pleased to extend a warm welcome to several Associate Members as the Associations Dinner Dance last year. We hope to see many more of you this year and since we have moved premises (to the larger Abingdon Suite at Victoria) we shall easily be able to accommodate as many of you as would like to come.

This years Dinner will be held on February, 18th at the Abingdon Suite, Church Hall Restaurant, Great Smith St., Westminster; the cost is £2 per ticket and dress is optional. So that you may meet other Associate Members prior to the Dinner we would very much like to see you at a Social Evening that we are holding on Friday, 27th January, 1967 in the College Library from 7.30p.m. till 9.30 p.m. If you would like to come to the Dinner and/or the Social Evening I should be obliged if you would kindly complete and return the attached slip. It would greatly assist us if you could let me have the slips back before 23rd January. (Even if you cannot come to the Dinner we should still like to see you at the Social!)

I look forward to seeing you in the near future,

Yours sincerely,

E.J. Hayter
E.J. Hayter
CHAIRMAN

December, 1966.

The Clapham Old Xaverians' Association.

Dear Parents,

The Committee of the Association have arranged to give a Christmas Party to sons of Associate Members in forms I and II at the school, by kind permission of the Headmaster, on the night of the Association's Christmas Draw, Saturday, 17th December.

The proceedings will begin with tea at 5.30.p.m., and there will be films and games during the evening which will end after the Draw, about 9.0.p.m.

A charge of 2/- will be made, and the Old Boys will be pleased to see your son at the party.

To facilitate catering arrangements, an early reply will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Br. Christopher, C.F.X.