

CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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AGM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGM

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I hereby give notice that the 33rd. Annual General Meeting of the Clapham Old Xaverians Association will be held on Friday 11th. October at 7.30 in the College Dining Centre,

D. M. Martin,
Secretary.

Holding last years meeting on a weekday evening attracted a good crowd of members so we are repeating the idea again. Please make an effort to come and take the opportunity of letting the Committee here your views. An Agenda and the Minutes of the 32nd. A.G.M. together with the accounts for the year ending 31st. August and Balance Sheet will be distributed at the Meeting.

One of the main purposes of our A.G.M. is to elect a Committee for the new year. It is most important that as many members as possible should be present to elect a responsible Committee. Remember, strength and welfare of the Association lies in its hand. Nominations for posts on the Committee may be sent in writing to the present Secretary, David Martin, (naturally with the consent of the victim) or be made at the Meeting. To refresh your memories a list follows of the posts which make up the Committee:

Chairman, Secretary, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Editor, Social Secretary Membership Secretary, Associate Members' Secretary and three elected members one of whom must have left the College last July.

A number of those at present serving on the Committee are prepared to stand for re-election. One who is sure to be a member of the new Committee is Ted Hayter who will automatically become Immediate Past Chairman for which no election is necessary. The next item in this newsletter is a tribute(?) to the retiring Chairman written by the Secretary. The editor thinks that this poetic appraisal is a device by the Secretary to have, at last, an article published in Coxan which hasn't been mutilated. If so, he is right; I daren't touch it! (Editor)

Edward.....on odd ode.....

In Nineteen Hundred and Sixty-six
A brand new Chairman the members picked,
Integrity, honesty and savoir faire
But now, alas. he's losing hair.
Two years have passed and left their mark
Tired are his eyes and rimmed so dark.
The writings clear for all to read
That dear old Ted has gone to seed.
He'll gasp his last at the AGM
And willingly nominate A. J. M.
His battles fought, his job is done
Now he can rest at Orpington.
'Vegetation' now his watchword
Where enthusiasm once was heard.
No more his hand will thump his Agenda,
His feet can rest serene on the fender.

(cont)

But hang on, wait...now here's a laugh,
For two year's work can't be enough
And though we can't nominate off the cuff,
(Oh no, no more' we hear him sob)
We'll catch him for another job!

SOCIAL

A NEW SEASON - A NEW SOCIAL SECRETARY

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After what must have been one of the most successful 'social' years in our history, Dave Martin has decided that combining the jobs of Association Secretary and Social Secretary has been too hectic and will not be available for nomination this year in the latter capacity. So, amongst the new faces on the new Committee one will belong to the Social Secretary. The job is probably the toughest and most rewarding of all, and a great deal of thanks is due to Dave in providing us all with many hours of pleasure and entertainment. His replacement will inherit one firm date - the 30th. November, - the date of the Christmas Dance at the Park Tavern, Mitcham Lane, S.W.16. Music for the usual wide variety of dancing will be provided by the same group which played last year and which proved so popular at the Spring Ball. It's going to be great fun, so when you rush to buy your tickets later on this year, spare a thought for your poor friends and relatives and let them come with you. They'll be indebted to you for life if you don't leave them out. Keep your eyes skinned for further details nearer the date.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

CALLING ALL MEMBERS

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REMEMBER! - your annual subscription to the Association is now due. The present sum of £1 represents good value for money; please don't delay too long. Get your piggy bank or cheque book open now, and send your sub in while you are in a generous mood!
OR, BETTER STILL! avoid that digging in your pockets and fumbling for cash or chequebook. Let your bank and that of the Association do the work for you. That's what they're there for!
All you need to do is write your signature on the enclosed slip, and send it to your bank manager. He'll do the rest. Much easier isn't it? - for you and the Association.
SO - please do yourself a favour and sign a BANKER'S ORDER for your subs NOW!

Please note one important change this year. The Committee has decided that from now on, all members must have paid their annual sub for membership of the Association before they can participate in the various sections (e.g. Cricket, Football, Table Tennis etc.). This ruling means that footballers should pay before December, and cricketers must pay before they start playing in May.

Anthony Gray,
Association Treasurer,
3, Ascot House,
Venn Street, S.W.4.
Tel: 622 2177.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

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No, we didn't forget to enclose the usual books of raffle tickets, they will find you at a later date. The purpose of this advance notice is to ask you to help make this year's profit a record by cutting down on expenses. Obviously the biggest outlay is on prizes and we are appealing for donations to our prize list. The hamper requires tins, jars and packets of any kind of food you can think of. Almost anything in a bottle can be used, either as a part of the hamper or as a prize in itself. In addition we shall need cigars, cigarettes, chocolates and sweets, and indeed anything which you consider would make a good prize. Cash donations would be most welcome. Please help by sending a gift to Brian Sanders at the College.

BOXING DAY

SIXES AND SEVENS?

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With Norbury convalescing after its internal operation and the Paddock in a very sick condition due to a severe attack of the weather the Boxing Day six-a-side was held in an arena well known to all - the college play ground. With surprisingly few accidents, and some very strange apparel, four teams battled out a contest played on a league basis.

The Cricket-Six ably led by Frank Hixson won all its three games while the Committee-Six captained with guile and cunning by chairman Hayter won two and lost one. This could well be attributed to the fantastic goalkeeping of Tony Morrish or the fact that Tony's young sons kept pushing the goalposts closer together. The Clubhouse-Six recovered, albeit temporary, from their drunken state to win one game and the Football-Six playing a truly defensive game never scored a goal. However the preliminaries over the serious business continued in the gym with barrels of draft resting on the vaulting horse and crates lashed to the wall bars.

P.S. Jim Howard was last seen dangling from the beams with a magnifying glass looking for woodworm!

SOCCER

SUCCESS

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Our three teams go into 1968 with the remarkable record of having gained 46 out of a possible 52 league points. This is an achievement that we can all be proud of and hope that the standard can be maintained until the end of the season. The 1st XI have played 7, won 7; 2nd XI played 10, won 10; 3rd XI played 9, won 6, lost 3. In the 26 games played 124 goals have been scored.

Keep up the good work lads, all OX's wish you continued success in 1968.

GOLF

NEW SECTION

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Two foursomes teed-off for the beginning of what we hope will be another active section of COXA. John McGuire organised the games at Addington and then went to hospital - we're glad to say he's out again now and feeling fit. Anyone interested in a game should contact John at 11 Rydal House, Union Grove, S.W.8.

RECENT LEAVERS

NEW OLD BOYS

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Tony Poplett is this year's new members rep. on the committee and he is very keen to organise a function for recent school leavers. He will be very pleased to hear from anyone with their ideas. The committee have long been aware of the need for functions aimed at our younger members - we will provide them - Tony Poplett is keen to organise them - all we want is YOU to support them.

Thanks to all OB's who sold draw tickets. Tony Morrish regrets that he is unable to acknowledge all remittances individually but should anyone want a receipt please contact Tony at 51 Alderbrook Road, Balham, S.W.12. Telephone: KEL 4293. A prizewinners list is enclosed.

BARGAINS!

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Did you miss the January Sales

Never mind!!

There are still a few COXA ties left at the Astonishing, Give-Away price of no! - not 50/- - Nor even £1, but 12/6d!! - Why Pay More for a Tie??

Courteous and Personal attention by the skilled staff of

"The Two Tonies" Tailors Ltd. - run expertly by

Tony MORRISH
51 Alderbrook Road,
S.W.12.

Tony GRAY
3 Ascot House,
Venn Street,
S.W.4.

TABLE TENNIS

COXA .v. COLLEGE

TABLE TENNIS

The annual match will be played against the college on Friday, March 8th, at 8.00 pm. All are welcome. Brian Sanders has been secretly coaching the school side so there may well be a surprise for COXA this year. Seems very suspicious that the COXA table tennis secretary is coaching the college - no under the table payments we hope!

CONCORDIA

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It is planned that Concordia will be issued in April, I am always wanting items for Personalia so if you have heard from, or about, any Old Xaverian please let me know by post or by 'phoning me during the day at 01-242 9509 or evening at 01-850 5723.

If there is any Old Boy that would like to submit an article for inclusion please let me know as I am always looking for material.

Ed.

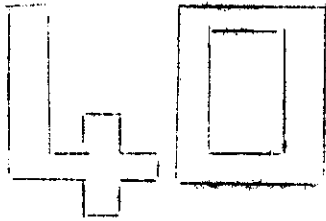
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MISSING PERSONS

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If you did not receive this copy of COXAN direct or have moved or are moving please let the Editor know immediately. Also should you know any members not hearing from us please send his address to the Editor. Or else 'phone Dave Martin: HOL 9222, Ext. 6264.

D.A.T.E.L.I.N.E.....19.t.h...J.A.N.U.A.R.Y...1.9.6.8.



YEARS OLD

AND STILL GOING STRONG!

THATS C.O.X.A. ON 19th JANUARY, SO WE THOUGHT WE'D HAVE A
(STRICTLY STAG) CELEBRATION AT BEDFORD PARK HOTEL
(223 STREATHAM HIGH RD)
(OPPOSITE STREATHAM S.R.STATION, BUSES 49,50,59,115,118,133,159)

STAG NITE - 7.30-11.00

SAUSAGES, MASH, BREAD AND BUTTER plus OUR OWN PRIVATE BAR!

DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL CELEBRATION. TO BOOK YOUR PLACE
SEND THE ATTACHED FORM TO THE EDITOR (AS INDICATED) OR ELSE
PHONE DAVE MARTIN (HOL.9222 ext 6264) ANY TIME UP TO JAN. 17TH
NUMBERS WILL BE RESTRICTED SO DON'T DELAY? SEND THE FORM NOW.
OLDER MEMBERS ARE PARTICULARLY WELCOME WHILST NEWER MEMBERS
SHOULD ALSO MAKE THIS A FIRM DATE TO MEET THE ASSOCIATION, AS
WELL AS HAVE A CHAT WITH OLD AND NEW FRIENDS.
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS COMPLETE THE FORM AND COME ALONG ON THE
19th JANUARY....SEE YOU THERE.

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TO THE EDITOR, A.N. AMURA, 35, DICKSON RD., S.E.9

please reserve me one place at the Stage Nite on January 19th
I enclose cheque/postal order for 8/- in favour of C.O.X.A.

Name.....

Address.....

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Wimbledon, S.W.19.

2nd November 1967

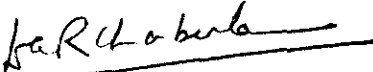
Dear Mr. Martin,

I am sorry that I was not at the A.G.M. as I hoped that we should have heard something of the future of the College. I see from the Press that in spite of the change of management at County Hall, the College will become a comprehensive school in the not too distant future.

I have hoped that something would have emanated from the Association in protest against converting our noble school into a spawn of the Socialist State but unless something did come out at the A.G.M. it does seem that the Association has been strangely silent on the subject. There may be some Old Boys who support the change but I feel that there must be many who like myself see the destruction of a Public School in the name of progress. The Brothers whatever their feelings may be on the matter can do little, but is the voice of the Association not to be heard? I should have thought that a referendum on the proposed change could have been carried out.

If, however, the Association proposes to accept things as they will be I must with great regret resign in protest as I am utterly opposed to the substitution of Public and Grammar School by state-controlled educational 'factories'. I would also suggest that the Association cease to make any contributions to the College Building Fund and in place send money to the Brothers to enable them to continue their wonderful work elsewhere overseas if necessary.

Yours sincerely,



W.E.R. Chamberlain