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The following names bring our list of Annual Members up to date, and below we also publish a list of Life Members. The Annual Sub is, as ever, £1, students and under 21's pay 63p, but there are still a lot of "regulars" who haven't paid so far this year. These and any new Members will receive warm welcome and a mention in COXAN in lieu of a receipt from the Membership Secretary,

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Annual Members:

P Dixon	R Hrinkiewicz	R Massara	D Rowe
B Fincham	R Kennedy	J Maguire	N Scott
L Green	W Madigan	H Mellor	E Smythe
E Guillett	J Mansi	P O'Connor	P Zazzi

Life Members:

F Baldwin	W Collins	D Hicks	L Powell
W Booth	M Cory	D Jones	S Quick
A Brinn	A Crichton-Smith	N Lynch	B Sanders
R Brooks	J Crouch	B McDermott	A Thomas
B Campbell	P Fitzgerald	A Page	E Totman
A Caraccio	W Fitzgerald	W Palmer	R Tuft
F Cetre	M Gorham	R F Pierce	S Wiltshire
R Collins	P Gunn	I Pisani	J Woollard
			W Wright

Forty-seven Old Boys and friends sat down to a Sausage and Mash supper in the upper room of the Polish "211" Club in Balham. The Guest of Honour at this informal occasion was Ernie Wright, who has recently retired after 27 years of teaching Chemistry and Biology at the College. After the meal fifty-one Old Boys (how did that happen?) joined the Chairman, John Keenan, in proposing a toast to Ernie, who in reply, recounted one or two of his more amusing moments at Clapham. He remembered teaching R.I. but couldn't keep control, so sang hymns most of the time; he remembered teaching Chemistry to a German boy before the War who was so grateful that he joined the Luftwaffe and was shot down over Battersea trying to bomb the College; he also remembered far more Brothers on the Staff than ever taught at Clapham

since 1900. Finally with Don Mulvihill's beer he toasted the students, past and present, and sat down to conserve his energy for later exertions in Bushey Park!

By now over sixty were drinking in groups, obviously happy that the preliminaries were over. One group, Don Mulvihill, Denis Quin, Tony Brinn, and John Flynn, was merely practising for Saturday Night at the Sussex. Rudolph Massara was drinking scotch (what else?) with Dave Slattery and the five Ennis's, or was it six; John Mansi and the Seven Dwarfs, otherwise known as the Old Boys Second XI were discussing the Northern Ireland situation - he wondered who would replace Derek Dougan. Finally Ernie asked Eugene Smyth to buy everyone present a drink and flourished a pound note!

At midnight people began to disperse, including Ernie who decided to give Brother Christopher a tour of Bushey Park, where they got locked in. The sensible ones joined a Polish Dance in the main hall, entrance fee 2½p after some persuasion. The highlights of this rather raucous part of the evening were Ernie Larkin asking a puzzled Polish Band to play "Ernie" and John McNicholas getting his face slapped for asking a Polish girl to dance (he didn't know it was their National Anthem) at 2 am we finally left. The success of the evening was shown by everyone asking Vic Roz. to organise another such evening, and the Polish Management asking Vic if he had heard of St Mary's Hall at Clapham.

Col Garvey

CAREERS EVENING

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The annual Careers Evening will take place in the College Dining Centre (NB. not in the Gym as in the past) on Thursday March 9th from 8 to 10 pm. Brian Sanders will again welcome any assistance at all that can be given to him on that evening. Please get in touch with him at the College as soon as possible if you are willing to represent your career this year. Help is also needed in the general preparation and running of the evening and the College will be open to Old Boys willing to supply such help after 4.00 pm.

Flush from the acclaimed success of his article in the last issue of COXAN, the Secretary has been persuaded to return to his first love - verse.

There's a little lighted window in the first floor Hollywood,
Where ev'ry Tuesday evening in the last night of the moon,
A mysterious clan foregather at 8 (or as soon as they could)
There's questions to be answered and 10.30 comes too soon.

This clan of faceless men hold the destiny of scores,
And events only of their choosing will be organized and run,
Their schemes are overriding and are pushed through closed doors,
Dances, Hops, Stag Nites they're second but to none.

The clan of just a dozen like just men sit in their room,
A chairman at their head with iron fist in velvet glove,
A proposal ripples round, the rumour spreads like doom,
But the clan's cool heads prevail and compromise's a peace-dove.

The Treasurer's a worried man some Members don't pay their sub
They must be hit or else struck off or functions made to pay,
For this close-knit band of brethren run an all-exclusive club,
And finance from the Draw and Fete stand between ruin and COXA.

The Secretary scribbles off a minute, another wide rippling decision made
The Editor cries "Publish and be damned - we'll make them fear the pen,"
While Membership and Cricket Secs. swop anecdotes before old scores fade
And a hush falls on them for the Football Secs come and its only 5 past ten.

Twelve times a year the note goes out twelve times they meet at 8
The College is dark before they leave, their deadl y duty done,
Heedless of screams from members fainthearted who'd rather they'd abate,
Their plans of events: ignoring them the band of twelve murmur "After all tis fun!"

Doubledeeclutch

PERSONALIA

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Ted Corrigan has passed his finals in Accountancy and denies all rumours that he spent £600 on cramming courses in Jersey, Bermuda, South West London and other romantic venues. Congratulations Ted!

Paul Dyer (1960) married Jacky in Arundel Cathedral in late '74 (he did tell me the date but we were drinking at the time) and they are now living in Streatham (I think - same reason/excuse)

M.Sayer was seen in Streatham recently as was P.Kellard (1960) - seems we have quite a community down there!

Recent visitors to the College have been:

Lol Richardson (1959) now a Doctor of Divinity and chaplain at Kelston in Nightingale Lane after doing time in Rome and Spain. His main interest is hot air balloons.

D E Harris (1951) who is living at Coulsdon and a Surveyor by profession, and married with three sons.

J Trawber (1963) in the Merchant Navy, but at present doing an engineering degree at Strathclyde University.

Liam Neary (1963), who after four years at Kingston College of Art went into advertising as a "special effects" man (designs things like sets for White Horse Whiskey ads). Married he has one baby - the only item in his house which isn't made of polystyrene. Liam has been drinking recently with Mick Haynes (1963) who also went to Art College and then spent a few years hitching around the States.

Brian Sanders who takes French evening classes at Goldsmiths College was surprised when Gerry Hynds (1953) wandered into his class one night to learn the lingo.

Lorcan Farrelly (1959) and Kev Williamson (1961) have both now returned from the East. After one year together on the road they had a reunion drink in Clapham. They got drunk, had a fight and haven't seen each other since.

Michael Wilson (1959) has also been into the College. He and two other former Architectural students have formed their own practice in the Clapham area.

Eugene Smyth (1960) was at the Stag Dinner. Having finished his Actuary exams he works in the City once more. He won't commit himself about playing football again, although he is younger than Peter Brown!

Sean Byrne (1965) returned from Canada for three weeks at Christmas. Jim Beech (1950) is now living and working in Kano. Mike Hodges (1951) flew in from Hong Kong on the inaugural flight of BOAC Jumbo Jet service.

Edward Streeter (1959) is now running (part-time) a Disco outfit. Enquiries to 20, Abysinnia Road, S W 11, - strobes, discs, the lot.

At the school Carol Concert were Paul Dyer, Mick Gromm, and Harry Carlton (all 1960). They came to inspect the drainpipe from 5A down which Paul often climed. Harry Carlton often sees Gerry Tierney (1959) who is making a fortune selling souvenirs to Americans.

Alan Addison nominated "Old Boy of the Year" - the only member to answer all circulars and appeals. D Hicks sent a reply for the Stag Nite circular - a refusal. An apology for absence with regrets was also received from Gerry Burgess.

Danny (Frog-legs) Doyle is back from France and has resumed at St Mary's. Having twice failed his driving test he has just realised that we still drive on the left. Alan Basey who is doing his Candidacy with the Mayfield Community and in the same year at St Mary's with Danny, appeared with him at the Stag Nite.

Paul Du Feu has made Time Magazine - additional personal details to be found in "Cosmopolitan"

Nick Scott MP has made the "Dailies" again. It's reported that he is almost certain to join the MCC Committee, although he supported the Bishop of Woolwich (David Sheppard) in his campaign against the tour by South Africa in 1970.

Mick Magee, at present working in Northampton, met Pete Whelan, by chance, in a pub up there (not that it's unusual for Old Boys to meet in a pub) - Mick remembered to get Pete's new address in Lenham, Kent.

The following is the whereabouts of some former members of Staff:

- H SHEPPEE : Vice Principal at St Mary's College of Education
- BRIAN ATKINSON : English (and logic) Dept at Coloma College of Education
- TED JOHNSTONE : Head of Chemistry Dept at St Mary's College of Education
- ERIC HUGHES : Headmast of St John the Baptist School, Woking
- TOM GILMORE : Head of French Dept at Christ the King College of Education, Liverpool
- MICHAEL RATHBORNE : Head of Visual Aids Dept at St Mary's College of Education
- DON ROBINSON : Department of Mathematics, Larchester College of Advanced Technology, Coventry
- DAVID STIRZAKER : Was teaching at St Benedict's, Ealing, then St George's, Weybridge
- TOM MARSHALL : Head of PE & Games at Battersea Grammar School
- BOB CUMMINGS : Geography Dept at St Mary's College of Education; now visiting the US
- TONY WARR : Head of Latin Dept in school in Norfolk
- MIKE WALKER : Head of Chemistry Dept in school in Hampshire
- HARRY ESCOTT : Retired
- ERNIE WRIGHT : Retired, dabbling in antiques
- LIAM SMITH : Dept of History at Goldsmiths' College, London University
- GEOFF BARR: : Dept of Economics at Exeter Technical College

P.T. Milligan was married on 26th February 1972 at St. Bede's Clapham. He is a student at the University of Sussex

Peter King (1965) has played his last game of the season for COXA. After the game on 26th Feb. he hit the trail to Katmandu to find himself, despite pleas from Tony Gray that he could gind himself in the Clubhouse.

Chris Smith (1964) has just made a comeback for the COXA Football section after two years and three stones abse ce. He claims he will be back in the 1st XI be the end of the season. Paul Hixson is takin's bets.....

Many Old Boys, we are sure, will be sad to hear of the death of Joe Church who died after a heart attack on Friday February 4th. His Requiem Mass at the English Martyrs on February 11th was attended by more than 200 people and the College was represented by Messrs. Pocock, Gibb and Garvey.

His stay at Clapham from 1951-56 will be remembered not only for his exceptional skill as a teacher of Mathematics (he combined patience and understanding with great enthusiasm for his subject) but also for his not inconsiderable prowess on the cricket and football fields. The boys benefitted from his coaching in these sports and his organising of School summer camps.

After leaving Clapham he went to the Oratory and then to Coloma Training College where he was in charge of the Mathematics department.

Our sympathy and prayers go to his wife, three daughters and two sons.

Mrs Iris Tully has written to inform us that her husband Michael died after a long illness on November 9th, at the age of 62. Michael was a Life Member of the Association and first met his wife at a College dance. His career in Banking led to his becoming the Manager of the National Provincial Bank in Havant, a position from which he retired at the age of 60.

Please pray for the repose of their souls. May they rest in peace.

- Boxing Day : A fine day drew a sizeable crowd to Norbury to watch, drink and/or play football - can't remember who won, but the important thing is to take part isn't it? Hic!
- Autumn Ball : Details will be released soon of this year's Big Event and the concensus of opinion points to an Autumn date.
- Christmas Draw : Out thanks are again due to all those who contributed in any way to this year's Christmas Draw which was one of the most successful on record. The share of the proceeds allocated to the Association has added a credit of about £75 to the balance sheet. A full list of prize-winners can be obtained from the Editor.
- Where are you now : Keeping our records up to date is the most difficult and tedious task. If your literature from us is still being posted on from your last address or if you expect to move on soon to a new abode, please add COXA to your list of people you should (or should have) notify (notified) - (I think my English is grammatically correct even if my spelling is suspect - Editor).
- Any Offers : The Editor will welcome from Members articles, letters, etc for publication in COXAN. There must be dozens of Old Boys whose suppressed talents can be drawn out by the promise that full credit will be selflessly expressed by the Editor.
- Summer Fete : This year's Summer Fete will be held at the College on Saturday 8th July. Watch out for further details.
- Upper VIth Social : Will this year be held on April 28th. The idea is to introduce the last year at the College to the Association in a convivial atmosphere (!) Old Boys are welcome. The event will be held in the Dining Centre and there will be a bar.
- Theatre Outing : Devotees of Thespis - John Gilhooly (834-2377 ext.580) and Colin Garvey (764 9531) will be running a Theatre Outing some time in April. Further details later but you can book now.

MORE PERSONALIA

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On a recent Safari to East Africa (though he pretends he was on business) Pat Breslin spent a pleasant evening with Peter McDermott who he located with the help of the Nairobi P.O. phone book and Personalia! Peter and his family are happily settled and have no intention of returning to the English climate (among other things) at present.

Denis Quin became the first British representative on a Common Market deputation when he joined leaders of the road transport industry of the Six in a meeting with M. Coppé - the Communities Minister responsible for transport and "social policy". Denis says that the last two words will cause a lot of problems but he was very pleased with the way things went, not least having made the Minister fait une volte-face (or as the French have it these days "do a Harold Wilson on one of his transport/social problems).

We note with regret that we have not heard from the following members for some length of time and, possibly more important, according to our records have not received a sub.

Regretably we cannot afford to send literature without a sub.

Consequently unless we hear from:

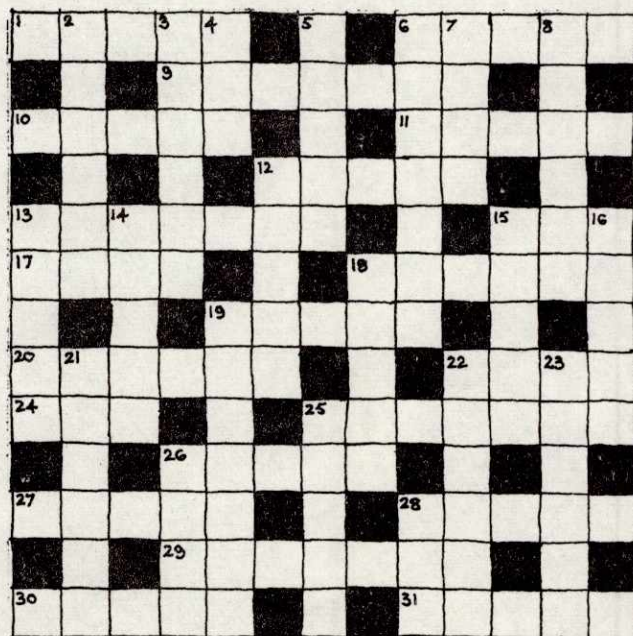
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	G.G. Young	

by 31st March, we shall be forced to delete their names from our mailing lists.

A prize of £1 will be given for the first correct entry to be opened on 1st April 1972. All members and their families are eligible to take part.

Please return your entry to the Editor by the end of March and mark your envelope 'Crossword'.

Good Luck



ACROSS

1. The old French politician runs backwards and forwards (5)
6. Keep oxygen holding half the adhesive (5)
9. See 25 Across
10. The schoolboy who is, won't this from the cane (5)
11. Be serious! (5)
12. Dark sir beheaded (5)
13. See 29 across
15. Proved: initially at the end (1,1,1)
17. Rub out with a letter rubbed out for ages (4)
18. Blue coat? No, Cote... (6)
19. Given a handle (5)
20. Torpid, leggy (5)
22. Doesn't neglect (4)
24. Whatever you hear, Ben's no lady (3)
- 25 & 9 You've been there, so have we (7,7)
26. Astronaut's abandon (5)
27. Bird in the middle of the muddle (3)
28. Israeli Foreign Minister's food? (5)
- 29 & 13 But stand - R N hero (we all knew him at 25 & 9, (7,7)
30. Metallic mix-up (5)
31. Could be a team or just Sadie (5)

DOWN

2. Rum oar stops the bullets (6)
3. In this crossword it isn't (6)
4. Spouse of the Bible's saltiest character (3)
5. Dead as nails (5)
6. The man with the sensitive scalp? (7)
7. Not quite pertinent (4)
8. He and Ian make order (6)
12. Female Greek spirit (5)
13. Comes as the end (5)
14. Opposed to the zenith (5)
15. Lose a letter to cancel the game (5)
16. Belief in a god (5)
18. Traded in cards? (5)
19. The bar here bars none (7)
21. Little river (6)
22. You need sole to have these (6)
23. An auditory orifice for little Edward is deserved (6)
25. The box they keep the C.E. tar in? (5)
26. Moab makes the pulpit (4)
28. Short female fly-firm (1,1,1)

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The Committee have been very happy to welcome to their ranks James CRONIN (now in his second year in the VIth at Clapham. Jim's task is to ensure leavers join COXA and leavers in 1970 & 1971 are reminded that unless the Association receives a sub. (payable either to John, Ernie Larkin or Ted Hayter) the supply of literature will cease from lack of funds! So lets be havin' yer 63p.....