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CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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The autumn edition of COXAN brings the important news that subscriptions for 1974 became due on September 1. We say hello to the summer's sixth-form College leavers and tell them that their annual subscription amounts to 63 pence while members aged over 21 are asked to pay £1.

Subs are best handled by the use of a banker's order - it saves everyone time and money. For all matters on membership and when you are sending off your cheques, contact Ted Hayter at 3, Downs Avenue, Chislehurst in Kent. Telephone: 467 5244.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 39TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 5 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE CLUBHOUSE AT NORBURY.

D.M. MARTIN,  
SECRETARY.

By far the most crucial event in the Association's year will take place on October 5 in the clubhouse at Norbury. The annual meeting will look at the affairs of COXA in the past 12 months, particularly with its problems

of finding somewhere to stay, and will look ahead at the difficulties to come. It is an important event and members are well advised to attend.

The Association needs help and if anyone feels that he could serve on the running committee next year, nominations can be sent to the Secretary by October 1. Committee members are required as well as a chairman. It is an ideal chance for someone to help either in specified duties (such as secretary) or unspecified, like giving general assistance or running events.

David Martin,  
58, Elmstead Gardens,  
Worcester Park,  
Surrey.

Only two members of staff left the College this summer and that is gratifying to note in these days of high staff turnover within the Inner London Education Authority's area.

Dave Burnham landed a job as head of French at Kennington School (where among others in his department is one Rudolph Massara) and History teacher, John Kirby was replaced by Mr. Kuligowski.

To emphasise still further the international aspect of the staff - England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Yorkshire and India are already represented - Mr. Hanaczek from Canada joined the science department and Father Hung, a Redemptorist priest from Vietnam, arrived at the College via English Martyrs', Walworth, and St. Mary's College, Twickenham, to teach French. Advance reports about Fr. Hung suggested that Dave Burnham may not be too sorely missed from the staff football team but there is a much greater doubt concerning cricket.

The only other change was a purely internal one. It is no longer a closely-guarded secret that Brother Christopher has now reached the magic milestone of retirement age. Consequently, although he is to carry on teaching at the College, he surrenders the responsibility of Head of Department to Mike Scanlon.

In mid-July 80 letters were sent out to all footballers on our mailing list telling them of pre-season training at the College each Tuesday evening from 6.30 to 8.30. At the first session, 29 turned up which was encouraging as it was holiday time. However, if anybody not on the mailing list is interested in playing this season, he is welcome to come along on Tuesday evenings.

Practice matches began at the end of August and four teams start League and Cup programmes this month. It is also hoped to run a fifth team to play "friendlies". Inquiries to John Mansi on 274 4730.

With more than half the season gone, two games were won, two lost with the rest as draws. On a three-match tour of Norfolk during one weekend only 12 players were available for Friday and Saturday and 13 for Sunday so there was no time to spare for injuries or sickness.

Rain curtailed a possible win on Friday and turned the match into a draw. Reaching the bar rather early in the afternoon meant that only 11 players were fit enough to take to the pitch on Saturday. The Sunday game had to be abandoned and everyone made up for the disappointment in the pub.

The verdict of the tour was that it was a success, however, and the team is considering a fortnight in Australia next season. Two weeks before the Norfolk tour, the team beat an M.F. Powell XI by 40 odd runs and the opposition included the Association chairman. John Macguire at 59 hit the biggest score of the day and put on more than 80 runs with Chris Smith.

On the whole, it is unfortunate that the Association's best side for a number of years has played well consistently but has only won two matches.

#### OUTSTANDING PERSONALIA

Our Old Boy in the House of Commons, Nick Scott, Conservative MP for Paddington South, has just achieved a life-long non-political ambition by getting a mention in this year's "Wisden", the encyclopaedia of cricketing statistics. Nick, whose name is more familiar to readers of the Hansard Parliamentary report, achieved fame at the stumps last year by cracking 93 not out for the Lords and Commons side in their victory over the M.C.C.

His innings of 145 against the Eton Ramblers is also mentioned - the highest score ever made in the 128-year history of Lords and Commons cricket. Nick's made a good start to the 1973 season, too, scoring 67 in the annual fixture against Westminster School. But his performance failed to avoid a seven wicket defeat for the Parliamentarians.

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IT WAS A WARM AND ADVENTUROUS EVENING.....

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.....Standing at the bar of one of the many locals in the quarter mile or so around the College were two Old Boys drowning their sorrows in pint after pint after pint of the local brew, contemplating how not so many years before on almost the same day they were fresh school leavers of Clapham College. We shall call them Batman and Robin.

Life at work was tough, each told the other as they recalled fond memories of their days in Broadoak and Hollywood; frowning over Latin vocabs and trying to remember weird chemical formulas. The conversation turned to the new Clapham College and how the old classrooms would be torn about when the bulldozers moved in.

"Those classrooms and the labs, the paddock and the schoolyard - surely they are worth just one more look, " Robin said to Batman. " Perhaps for the last time before the upheaval. "

"True close friend," said Batman and the two trudged across the Common to the South Side close on 11 o'clock to re-visit Clapham College.

The College was locked, of course, but the two found a way in. Where the lawn once stood, they found a ditch and they nearly fell into the mud. They walked around to the playground to see the laboratories and managed to get into the small demonstration lab by climbing on to the roof of the old toilets. Back out again. They walked up the outside staircase to the Geography room and got in without too much difficulty. A quick look around and then through the rest of the classrooms - the fourth year, the fifth year, down to the third and the second year and on to the ground-floor and the gym and the first floor rooms. There was even time to pop into the chapel to pray that they didn't get caught.

Outside they saw the light in the headmaster's study switched on and silently they walked back across the yard and into the paddock for a quick look at the cricket nets and the ground where the greenhouses once stood.

The wonder of their days at Clapham College came rushing back. It was just the same as ever!

- \* \* \* Congratulations to Gillian and John Gilhooly whose first child, a daughter, Joanna Maria, was born on July 21 at the unearthly hour of 5.03 a.m.. Nice to see one of the family is an early riser !
- \* \* \* Also proud parents for the first time are Ethel and John Utting whose son and heir was born in May (we think) in Harleston, Norfolk, where they now live.
- \* \* \* Not quite at the above stage yet - but Bernard (Straighthead) Benedict was seen with Clare Hayter (six) in Sutton recently. An official announcement may follow-mind you a spy saw them at Ewell two weeks later and they weren't talking!
- \* \* \* News from the vaults: Vince Ennis is with the National Westminster Bank in Brussels for three years while Dave Slattery who is getting married on October 6 in Tipperary (hopes he gets there after a Stag Night on October 5 - after all it's a long way) is also a friendly bank manager.
- \* \* \* The College is sorry to have lost Dave Burnham, French master and First XI centre forward, who is leaving for promotion. He will continue to score glaring goals on Saturday afternoons - he'd better !
- \* \* \* Kieran Ennis has been elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons.
- \* \* \* "Stanchions of bachelorhood ye crumble and dissolve" - Joseph Cernuschi has got married. We have no details but await them breathlessly from the two reporters Rowe and Garvey.
- \* \* \* Congratulations to Mick Casserly, member of staff and Second XI superstar, who got married to Rosanna McAney at the end of August. Also to Rob James, P.E. master, who is marrying Dee at about the same time. Both have been known to visit the Alexandra at Clapham.
- \* \* \* Mick O'Shea married Glynis Williams on June 2. The couple have now moved to Milton Keynes in Oxfordshire where Mick works as a purchasing co-ordinator for Aston-Martin Lagonda. Mick thanks everyone for the telegrams and sends special thanks to those who "instigated" and attended his stag party. He says it really went off with a loud bang.
- \* \* \* Talking of Derek Rowe (and who doesn't sometimes ?) we hear that he has been elected to the Management Council of the Old Boys Football League - so watch it you lot.
- \* \* \* Pierre Ithurbure (1952) made a recent visit to England from Holland where he now lives. He could be seen for a few weeks checking up on old haunts in Camberwell and Norbury. Pierre now works for the Phoenix Insurance Company.
- \* \* \* Eamon Jeffers (Clare College, Cambridge) has gained a Wrangler degree in Maths. Perhaps some learned ex-Cambridge scholar could explain the meaning of this term as we cannot believe Colin Garvey's assertion that "it's a pair of jeans". It doesn't add up and we are sure that it should.
- \* \* \* GM, Ford, AUDI, NSU, - they are all after Brian Sanders. Why ? Well he has developed a revolving Hillman Husky on a Motorway. It is either shoddy work or a bit of a wankel ! (?)

- \* \* \* A COXA reunion ? Not quite but Saturday July 7 at the Hayters must have almost qualified for the title. Present, apart from Ted that is, were John Bunce, Phil Leeder, Alan Addison, Tony Morrish, David Martin and Danny Doyle.
- \* \* \* Seen in London recently was Colin Luke on holiday from the Cayman Islands where he and his wife now work and live.
- \* \* \* Terry Collins (1952) has bought a pub in Glasstock, Cornwall. Colin Murtagh has been awarded the Paul Golmich Scholarship by the Chartered Insurance Institute and will be seconded from the Commercial Union for one year to work for a French insurance company. L.J. Rose is now teaching Maths at Sussex University.
- \* \* \* We hear that Chris McFadden (1971) is engaged to be married. We've no further details. And we understand that Denis Casey (1971) was in hospital with a "mystery illness" but he is out and about now fully-recovered.
- \* \* \* Finally a tribute to Tony Morrish who has retired from the London Underground after many years of service and meeting people therein. Tony has taken up cycling and tells us (PUFF) that it only took (PUFF PUFF) me (PUFF) forty minutes (PUFF PUFF) to cycle home (PUFF PUFF PUFF) from the (PUFF) office ! Collapse of one once stout and now slim party!

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DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL OLD BOYS' MASS. IT'S ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11

THIS YEAR AT 11.00a.m. AT THE COLLEGE

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