

COXA NEWSLETTER



COXAN

SPRING '75

This year, indeed this month, the Editor is somewhat surprized to noted that he's been a member of the Committee for ten years. In the circumstances it is hardly surprising if he looks back rather than forward over a decade whose immediate recollections are somewhat sad. Noone could have foretold in 1965 that ten years later there would be no Brothers at the College. that despite an annual intake of 70 possible members the active membership of the Association would be smaller ten years later, that Norbury would be in the process of being excavated, that the College would be in the process of being merged with St.Gerards, and that certain members of that Committee would not have found suitable successors, etc etc.

Conversely one would not have thought the Football Section would grow from strength to strength, that socially more events would be run in the Associations year, that several younger members would have come forward to join the Committee, and that Brother Dunstan would be preparing to attend the COXA 40th Year Dinner Dance at the NORBURY HOTEL, London Rd., S.W.16 on 26th April.

In this issue of Coxan there is unfortunately a list of members from whom a subscription has not been received for some time and whose names, for pure economy reasons (apart from any inequity involved), will be removed from the mailing list after this issue if a subscription is not received from them. This is an unfortunate and regrettable step that the Committee has been forced to take and this feeling is only alleviated by the knowledge that this is just the last of a series of warnings these members have had and really the action has been forced by their own inaction. A cheque for £1 (Or 63p if appropriate) or the signing of a Bankers Order is all that is necessary.

Need we say more?



David M Martin

RED BOOK TIME

MORE THOUGHTS OF CHAIRMAN TOM

LIST!

- Thought One : That by now considering the importance of the event, all instead of half, the tickets for the Dinner on 26th April would have been sold. As I've now placed (and paid for!) my own order I have no hesitation in recommending that, to avoid possible disappointment, those of you who have yet to order tickets should do so without delay (Contact David Martin on 78-77553 -STD Code 0378- to book your tickets)
- Thought Two : That Ted Newman might have contributed an article for inclusion in this issue on his early days at the College. Articles on Ancient History are always welcomed by the Editor. (All articles are welcomed by the Editor - Ed!)
- Thought Three: That there would be no problems with the election of the next years Committee. Having completed the by now, traditional, two years, as Chairman, I will of course be standing down. Unfortunately the Vice-Chairman, for personal reasons, will be unable to take over and therefor should there be a budding Chairman amongst you - or should you have any helpful suggestions then please contact my-self or the Secretary.

Thought Four : That it should interest you all to hear that the impending transfer of Brother Christopher from the College will regretably mean that the Brothers have severed their last connection with the College. However on a more cheerful note in addition to Brother Dunstan both Brother Plunkett and Brother Christopher will be at the Dinner, D.v.

Thought Five : That the mad rush to the bar to buy the Chairman a drink after the last Dinner was a little undignified and totally unnecessary, when with a little thought a rota system could have been devised. Please give the less fleet of foot a few yards start this year.

Thought to leave you with : Hope to see as many as possible at the Dinner.



Tom Fennis

CRICKET

WILLOW WAVERS WELCOMED

CRICKET

From Stan Miller we've received the following report and invitation :

"The 1975 Cricket season has arrived again and from 4th May our players will be seen at various venues around South London and its suburbs always assuming of course that the rain will eventually stop. I expect all cricketers will be waiting in anticipation for telephone calls from Mick Grice (703-2535) and anyone interested in playing should not wait but contact Mick to get put on his list.

FIXTURES

4th May v. Farewick Wanderers (Old Mid-Whitgiftians Ground, Warlingham)

11th May v. Harrods at Barnes

18th May v. Tolworth at Surbiton

24th May v. Griffin at Dulwick College

25th May v. Molesey Hurst at Cheam LTE Ground

1st June v. Haddon Hall at Surbiton Victoria Rec.

Anyone wanting details of later fixtures should ring Mick Grice at the above number. We'd welcome supporters at all or any of these matches so if you're at a loose end one Sunday afternoon why not come along!"

CAREERS EVENING

LAST IN PRESENT FORM ??????????

Brian Sanders writes " This years Careers evening held at the College on March 6th was considered by many people to be one of the more successful evenings. The event was organized on much the same lines as previous years but was characterized by a record attendance of fifth-formers, a near record number of careers represented and a very strong impression that much valuable advice was both sought and given. With the imminent reorganization this was almost certainly the last Careers Evening put on by the Association, at least in its present form. Superstitious members may be somewhat alarmed to know that it was the 13th! This is perhaps an appropriate time to thank those many Old Boys who have supported this valuable and much appreciated function over the years; a few members have chalked up ten appearances or more - both the College and the Association have reason to be grateful to them"

The New Year Coxan set out a list of payers which by exception showed those on the mailing list who had not paid. As a result we received several subs. which had been overlooked. We did warn that that warning was the last but there has been a slight heart-softening and as a real and FINAL warning we publish here a list of the names of members from whom, according to our records we have not received a sub, and whom we shall delete from the Mailing List unless a sub, is received by 31st May. We have stated before that it is easy to remove a name from the list and it's not so easy to put that name back on the list -once out of regular touch members seem to lose touch completely. Needless to say we would like to hear from all of those whose names unfortunately follow:

A.Addison	B.Baker	P.Barry	D.Brennan	
E.Corrigan	K.Coughlin	L.G.M.Davis	J.Dobing	B.Eames
G.Fitzpatrick	A.Frasca	P.Furey	P.Gallagher	J.Gavigan
J.Gilhooly	P.J.Griffin	M.Hadida	D.Hadida	I.Hamill
G.Harrigan	D.Hayland	P.Hayland	T.Higgins	W.Hodges
W.Holland	J.Honan	R.Hyrnkiewicz	R.Januszewski	D.Keenoy
R.Kennedy	P.King	M.Klokkou	A.Kwiatowski	L.Luekhurst
W.Macer	R.Massara	J.McNicholas	P.Milligan	A.O.Morrish
F.Murphy	P.Murphy	A.Neale	J.Nouiton	E.O'Shea
K.Ostrowski	H.Pinsent	C.Prince	J.Prince	B.Pryke
F.Ransom	F.Richens	L.Richens	L.Rose	J.Ryan
M.Seymour	E.Smyth	E.Taggart	C.Truss	J.Utting
A.White	B.Wilding	R.Wloch	P.Zazzi	

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS NO IDLE THREAT. THE ABOVE NAMES HAVE ALREADY BEEN REMOVED FROM THE MAILING LIST AND ONLY PAYMENT OF . SUB. WILL ENSURE THAT THE NAME IS RE-INSTATED. WITH POSTAGE NOW 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ p AND ALL OTHER COSTS RISING IN A SIMILAR WAY OUR FIRST CONSIDERATION MUST BE TO OUR PAYING MEMBERS, WHILST WE CANNOT BANKRUPT THE ASSOCIATION PROVIDING SERVICES FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT PAY.

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 To : D.M.Martin, 59,Thornhill, North Weald Bassett,Essex
 Sorry, I've completely overlooked paying my sub. Please find enclosed a cheque/order for (£1 Full, 63p Student or Under 21, 13 gns for Life)
 Please ensure my name stays on the Mailing List.

Signed.....

Address.....

"There's a stropky bloke here called McGee or Maguire looking for a game". The voice at the end of the phone belonged to Noel Tierney, recent school-leaver and a member of the 5th Eleven. He was at Balham several weeks ago, meeting the 5th Eleven whilst all the other teams games had been cancelled. Obviously he was talking about our John who robbed of a game for the 1st XI had gone to Balham to poach a game for the 5th XI. The incident is typical of John's continuing enthusiasm after 15 years of Old Boys Football.

He began playing for the Old Boys in 1960 and couldn't make the 1st XI in his first season (then he was calling for the older players to be dropped - now he wats them kept in!). However once he gained a first team place he became an automatic selection for perhaps 13 years. Obviously others like Peter Brown and Henry Pinsent have played for a longer period but there is no-one who has been so long in the 1st XI. John played an invaluable role in the teams revival under Jonh Keenan, captain Tony Amura and Phil Leeder. His goals were vital in the winning of Divisions 2,1 and Intermediate South in successive seasons as well as the Surrey AFA Junior Cup. He was also part of the team which reached the Royal Exchange Six-a-side final in 1968 and the AFA Cup Final in 1971. He is playing just as big a part in the 1st XI success this season.

John has also gained a reputation for his running battle with referees made all the more amusing by the fact that he referees himself on Sundays and sends off more players than John Yates (if only we could get those two together on one pitch!). Referees have taken a lot of abuse from John over the years but several incidents stand out. Referee John Smith took his name once but tore the note up in th Bar when he won £2 from John at Cards. Another time John ran through to score, only to be given offside; the other players howled in protest and we waited for John's explosion - Actually he's quite right" commented John and we all fell back in astonishment. Recently he had his name taken after the game - actually in the dressing room (the mind boggles) whilst another referee warned both sides before the game about arguing. He pointed to several individuals including John - "Who's arguing?" shouted John. Lastly in the second game of a doubleheader the referee shouted at John who was arguing "I've warned you before about arguing" said the ref. "On no that was last game" laughed John and ran off, for once he was right.

John was told by the doctors to give up playing 8 years ago and has been told the same by the 1st XI this year but I think he knows we're joking.

Following that what else could we print but the Football News starting with the 1st Eleven

Since going to press in last Coxan the 1st XI have maintained their lead at the top of their division despite suffering two defeats. The first was against Old Sinjuns in a doubleheader. Without trying to make excuses the team was badly depleted by absenteeism and we did have no less than 5 goals disallowed. The defeat by Phoenix Old Boys can only be attributed to the teams bad play which was definitely their worst performance of the season. We have also been knocked out of the Old Boys Cup in the quarter finals by Old Strandanians 4-8, who have since made the Final. On the credit side we have had some fine victories particularly a fine 6-0 beating of Glyn O.B and 3-0 against Meadonians. Provided we re-capture our early season form and consistency we should win our division with points to spare, the crunch games being a double header against Old Salesians on April 12th.

2nd Eleven

At the moment the 2nds are in the middle of a string of very fine performances. Since the turn of the year they have played 6 league games winning 4 and drawing 2. The team as a whole has been playing some of its best football and the only pity is that if they had started the season in such fine form then promotion would have been theirs for the taking. Without detracting from the team as a whole the return of Mark Roszkowski does seem to have been a significant event in the change of their fortunes.

3rd Eleven

How on earth the regulars of the 3rd XI can put up with each other week after week never ceases to amaze the members of the other teams. Despite their claims to being the best drinkers in the Club it is probably true to say that they are the best punters in the Club with Ben Benedict, Ernie Larkin and Mick Powell being the mainstay of the post-match card school. Perhaps one reason for their lack of success is Mick Powell, a lot of good things have been written and spoken about Mick but none of them have anything to do with his football ability. The average age of the the midfield trio is 37 which must say a lot for the spirit of the team. The back 4 is made up chiefly of hardened drinkers perming any four from Tubby Lucas, Mick Casserly, Terry Price, Paul West and Tad Ciechanowicz. The strike force is led by those two able punters Ernie and Ben who not only score goals but do a lot of talking in between.

So there in is - the 3rd XI, summing up - drunkards at the back, experience in mid-field and plenty of talk up the front. But for all their faults they'll probably avoid relegation and remain the best-loved team in the Club.

The above three reports came from the pen of John Mansi to whom any complaints should be addressed directly.

4th Eleven

The 4ths now look as though they will narrowly miss promotion. They have now dropped eight points in 13 games whilst the two teams above them dropped only 4 and 6 points. This means that the teams promotion hopes depend upon their rivals dropping points in the run-in. Nevertheless the Eleven continues to play good football and in the promotion clash with Josephians the referee rated both teams better than the teams playing two divisions above - tis pity we can't not play there! It has altogether been a successful and very enjoyable season and there is still (faint but possible) that outside chance of promotion.

5th ELEVEN (yes 5th)

A unique event has occurred- a fifth Eleven captained by Peter Wills has been launched and after a couple of unfortunate reverses has won its first game. This included a goal scored via a Bicycle kick by Martin McGrath-younger brother to Mick-strange how the whole family is a bit flash. It now means that every old boy who wants to play currently is playing and that one or two schoolboys have been integrated into the team - all in all its a very promising development

4th & 5th Eleven reports penned by Graham Hudson

*** We started last Coxan with Bro. Dunstan and it seems somewhat logical as since then he has celebrated his 75th Anniversary that we should follow that precedent with this issue. We've received a letter from Brother Damian at Mayfield keeping us in the picture regarding Dunny and we're keeping a very strict eye on him so that we know he'll be at the Dinner. We also heard bits and pieces of Dunny's life from Nevin PAINE (1916) and his brother Fr. John PAINE (1910) (who celebrates his own 60 years with the S.J. round about now) and from Rev. L. MARCHANT in Rome who wanted to know if it was Bro. Dunstan who used to work the pumps at Mayfield during World War I (we believe that it was incidentally!).

On the subject of the unreadable name that Br. Thomas More wrote to us about we have two possible solutions - from Denis QUIN came the suggestion that it could be Daniel Corry sister whilst from Phil TRUMPER came an alternative (and having seen the signature, more likely solution) that it was that of Hilda CARLIN who was the only female teacher in the prep. school Hollywood. Phil also mentioned that he's now been retired for five years and still sees Derrick Jones now and again. He added that Bill BOYCE (1927) has now settled in England after 25 years in South Africa.

*** Last Coxan also brought in a clutch of letters - some bearing subs. donations, ticket bookings etc. We heard from Chris KAVANAGH (1972) now at Leeds University studying Textile Chemistry, from John EGAN (1949) who is a Director of the K.S.C. and was recently elected Secretary of the National Council of the Lay Apostolate (John also told us that Mike BARRY (1949) is the KSC No.2 in the Surrey Province and is also an Independent Ratepayers Councillor on Sutton Borough Council, from Patrick PEARSON and John CLEAK who sent their best wishes but alas no news apart from the fact that they're over 21 and therefore had to pay £1 sub, from Jim CHAMBERS (1958) who is still working at the Natural History Museum and also plays in Bob Kerr's Whopee Band at the Golden Lion, Fulham on Mondays and the Star and Garter, Putney on Wednesdays. (Jim adds that he appears on TV sometimes has made records under assumed names and hopes to have his eighth novel published soon. He reads palms by appointment and was largely responsible for World War II - strange what these Curators get up to in their Museums), from Chris FISHER (1964) who added that there's always a welcome in his house at Brighouse, West Yorkshire for any OB travelling in them thar hills.

*** Brian SANDERS is taking a party of 50 1st & 2nd Year boys from the College on a Football tour to Belgium during April. One of the Matches arranged (by pure coincidence since the Tour Company made all the arrangements) is against the Xaverian College in Bruges!

*** Stan MILLER (1965) has been seen thrashing women at the Grafton Club. From all accounts he looked as though he enjoyed it; though "it's a bit of a squash" he added.

*** We heard that a new Football Club record has been set up by Ted HUGHES who has now made more Football Comebacks than anyone else - he's now come out of retirement to play in the 5th XI

*** Hearty congratulations to Mick POWELL and his team of helpers (not least Derek Rowe's wife SHEILA for her fine Buffet) on the highly successful Football Section Disco Buffet. Thoroughly enjoyed by over 100 people it is sure to become a regular social event. Congratulations to Colin GARVEY also on a witty report/speech - so did he impress that we hear the Dinner Dance sub-committee have signed him up to propose the toast to the Ladies at the Dinner on 26th April.

*** We hear that Tim KELLY held a stag night at Norbury recently for 40 - 50 guests who were mainly OBs. It was debatable whether Colin Garvey's "Black Sausage" or Graham Hudson's "Jailhouse Rock" was the singing highlight of the evening - one thing is certain however Graham's "Johnny-be-good" won hands down as far as sheer endeavour was concerned!

- *** With Norbury out as far as Cricket is concerned it is hoped to run other events there during the summer. Ideas so far received include a Barbeque, Race Night and Target Golf. Anyone with any ideas should contact Scotty Macdonald or any other Committee member (particularly if you know how to run a Barbeque). The Car Rally on April 20th will adjourn to Norbury after the finish which is we can reveal... elsewhere.
- *** Congratulations to Tim KELLY and his wife Christine who were married on Feb. 1st and lived happily ever after - till the following Saturday anyway when Tim got home late after a night of revelry at Norbury. Tim and Chris honeymooned in Rye but Tim still managed to play football the following Saturday for the 1st XI!
- *** We had a follow-up letter from Jules CARTER (1971) after our report from Brian SHORTALL in last Coxan. Jules was in fact having a quiet drink after a Karate lesson when he met Brian who was Jules maintains in a state of inebriation. Jules told us that since leaving the College in 1971 he tried Teaching and Dental work but didn't like either (although he gained a fiance from the Teaching College during his brief stay. He's now working for Lee Products ad Sales Office Manager. His hobbies include playing in a group - currently OCTUIN and he offers free beer to anyone from the OBs who turns up at one of their gigs. He added that he'd like to hear from Pat PEARSON, Martin SIMMONDS and the rest of the George boozers - so would we it makes Personalia longer!
- *** We've been offered a suggestion for the next Boxing Day match - an Italian XI (Lucas; Mansi, Stinati, Lapi, Masesi; Bravo, Colletta, Ferrante; Amura, Zazzi, Frasca) versus an Irish XI (Goalkeepers from Kelly, McNama, Coyne, Murphy; McNicholas, McGrath, Casserly, Smullen; McElligott, O'Flynn, Tierney; McDonagh, O'Shaughnessy, Duffy.) Perhaps the organizers might like to take the idea up. We've also been offered a Polish XI from the same source who unfortunately were unable to find enough players to make up an English XI !!!
- *** We received a nice long letter from Peter McDERMOTT in Kenya and will try to condense it for next issue since we're short of space in this. To all readers - please do keep in touch and send along news of what you or any OBs you meet are doing.

R I P

It is with regret that we have to report the death recently of Gerard Craig. Gerard left the College only last year, and died of Leukaemia. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family and friends.

DONT FORGET

CAR RALLY

APRIL 20th details from Mick GRICE
(phone 703-2535 Home)

DINNER DANCE

APRIL 26th details from David MARTIN
(Phone 78-77333 Office)