

C O X A N

CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



3/76

Although as an Association, and with the exception of the Cricket Section, the Association tends to slow its activities during the months June, July and August, this is also traditionally a time when the Committee is working hard looking towards the AGM and beyond and endeavouring to whip up support to achieve a high level of paid up members for the year.

The Association year ends on 31st August which means your sub is either over-due for 1975/6 or will now be due for 1976/7. Either way, if a sub is due from you - please pay without delay. Rising costs hit the Association as much as anyone else and we can only keep everything running with the support (both attendances-wise at events and financially) of our members. The reminders cost (waste) time and money and we do not have a great supply of either and indeed both could be put to better effect running events, etc.

The holiday season may be a bad time to remind members of unpaid or due subs and presumably it is also a bad time to remind you of the AGM and the need for as many members as possible to attend and to indicate their feelings, but nevertheless we do make a strong plea for a good attendance at the AGM so that the Committee for next year can be fully representative and also so that the Committee can learn the views of its Associations members on a variety of subjects. Our AGMs are never very formal but often informative (and, of course, the bar can be fully used).

So do remember the date -

8th October

and the time

7.30 p.m.

and the place

Norbury Clubhouse

and come along.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8th October 1976.

I am requested by the general Committee of the Clapham Old Xaverians Association to give Notice that the 1976 Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 8th October 1976, at 7.30 p.m. in the Clubhouse at Norbury.

I also give notice that the 1976 AGM of the Clapham Old Xaverians Sports and Social Club will be held on Friday 8th October 1976 immediately after the termination of the Association AGM.

P. T. O'Connor
Secretary - COXA
- COXA Sports &
Social Club

N. B. During these meetings elections for the Committee and Officers for 1976/7 will take place. Members wishing to serve are invited to let the Secretary know of their willingness to help.

Please also notify the Secretary if you have any items for inclusion on the AGENDAS.

FOOTBALL

Preparations are well under way now for the start of the season only a few weeks away at the end of August.

It promises to be a season of tremendous opportunity - and great effort - as three out of the four teams we had in the Old Boys' League last year have been promoted. And the 5th XI which did so well in friendly matches last season has been entered in the League for the first time.

This means that five teams, or 55 players, will be representing the Old Boys in League and Cup matches each week. A formidable undertaking, which will require the fullest co-operation between each and every player and the committee.

The first requirement at the start of the season will be fit players. So, if you are interested in playing football for the Old Boys at any level, make sure you come along to the properly organised training sessions on Tuesday evenings, straight away. Kick off each Tuesday is at 6.30 p.m.

An added incentive, if you need one, is the fabulous new sports hall we are using, complete with the latest equipment and hot showers. There is one important rule to observe, however, and that is only 'white' non-marking footwear may be worn in the sports hall. Black rubber soles are expressly forbidden.

All established players will recognise that they should be attending training each week by now so as to ensure a successful start to the new season. But a special welcome awaits all new Old Boys - they will certainly be needed. Anyone know of any good goalkeepers.....?

DEREK ROWE

MEMBERSHIP

Yet another year over and subs are due to be paid in September. We had 107 members this year and already several of the 6th Form have paid for next year. Perhaps you would like to follow their example!

May I remind all Bankers Order members to increase the sum from £1 to £2 from 1.9.76.

Subs are: £2 or £1 if you are a student or under 21.

Bankers Orders not paid this year. Please check with your bank:

A. Anderson, B. Baldock, P. O'Connor, M. Scott

Additional Paid up members since previous list :

A. Amura	E. Guillet	A. J. Morrish
J. Cernuschi	M. Grice	R. Januszewski
T. Ennis	E. Hayter	R. Lucas
C. Fisher	J. Luba	C. Smith

May we remind all those paying subs. that Ted Hayter has moved and his new address is 5 Garden Road, Bromley, Kent (Tel. 460 1492)

FOOTBALL DISCO

May 22nd - That was the date when the Football Section ran a disco at St. Gerrards Hall (Clapham). It turned out to be just another well organised everybody enjoying themselves, type of evening. (The only people who did not enjoy themselves were the ones who could not get tickets - because it was an absolute sell-out!).

The evening kicked off with an excellent cold buffet. The Club Captain had us all sipping our trifle with his entertaining speech. The magnificent 4th XI received their league trophy and medals. The unfortunately we had to start the serious drinking.

Credits to:

Powell/Webber Promotions - organised the affair.
Sheila Rowe - laid on the food.
Colin Garvey - entertained us.
John Newman - drunken guest - reply speech.
Kevin Barnaville - switched on the light.
Sexy Stanbridge - did the strip tease.
Frankie Ryan - conducted the orchestra.
Curran, McGrath, Murphy and O'Brian - schoolboys who pulled your beer.
Pat and Diane - set up the hall.
Ray, Paul and Paul - who cleared up the Hall.

CRICKET

At the time of writing this report we are two thirds of the way through the current season. Through the strenuous efforts of Mick Grice we have managed to field a Saturday and a Sunday side nearly every weekend.

Saturdays have seen the re-emergence of that dour Bromleyonium Ted Hayter who has been seen to score a fifty and a few other useful scores plus an exhausting return to wicket keeping. The side under Graham Hudson has enjoyed variable success with its blend of youth and experience and I hear that they are a particularly good fielding side. Suchal Solomon has been their main batting star and has one century and a few fifties plus many wickets to his name. Brian Sanders has made his maiden fifty and also taken a few wickets much to the delight of his four favourite supporters. Other useful contributions have come from Mick Butler, Chessky (Januszewski), Dave Murtagh, Paul Carter, Rob James, Tim Hixson and Scotty McDonald. There is no doubt that the Saturday side have enjoyed their season so far very much and that it will be very useful training ground for future members of the stronger Sunday side.

On Sundays our overall fixtures have not been so strong but we have become a much better side all round than we have in recent years. Chris Smith, John Mansi, Paul Hixson, Mick Power have all scored fifties and Mick Duffy who scored his maiden fifty in his first game, has scored five or six this season. The absence of 'Ben' Benedict has robbed the side of an opening bowler and hard hitting bat but we have gained through the experience of Tony Amura back to playing a regular wicket keeping role.

RESULTS TO DATE

Saturdays

1. John Fisher Old Boys 149 for 6 v COXA
108 (Solomon 42) Out. Lost
2. COXA 125 Out v. Culver
Sport 129 for 7 (Solomon 4 for 36) Lost
3. COXA 94 Out (Solomon 39) v. Eltham and Ladywell 66 out (Solomon 7 for 43)
Won.
4. COXA 138 out (Sanders 58) v. CHEAM.
Parrish and Sutton Baptist 74 out. Won.
5. Midland Bank VII 144 out (Sanders 5 for 14)
v. COXA 146 for 4 (Solomon 100). Won.
6. Kingston Methodists 162 for 4 (Sanders 4 for 72)
v. COXA 153 for 7 (Hayter 58) Drawn.
7. COXA 144 out (Solomon 66) v. Old Colfians III XI for 7. Lost
8. Queen Marys Hospital 183 for 9 (Smith 5 for 39, Carter 4 for 70.)
COXA 48 Out. Lost.

9. COXA 175 Out (Hixson T. 44) v. Chessington III XI 148 for 5. Drawn
Played 9, Won 3, Drew 2, Lost 4

Sundays

1. COXA 186 for 7 (Duffy 67, P. Hixson 56, C. Smith 38 not out)
V. Harrods I 153 for 8 Drawn
2. Old Couldson 217 for 8 v. COXA 131 out (Duffy 92), Joel Cup Lost
3. COXA 202 for 4 (Duffy 60, Bond 39, Power 36) v. Old Elthamians III
16 Out. (Smith 4 for 3) Won
4. COXA 125 for 9 (Miller 45) v. Griffin 38 out (Smith 4 for 22 Miller,
6 for 12) Won.
5. Coxa 176 for 6 (Miller 38 not out. Hixson 36 not out) v. Old Tiffinians II
54 Out. Won.
6. COXA 203 for 4 (Duffy 53, Power 68 Not out)) v. Ewell Village 115
for 4 Abandoned.
7. COXA 168 for 6 (Duffy 54 Power 35) v. Tolworth 53 Out (Miller
4 for 24). Won.
8. Old Whitgiftians 2nd XI 158 for 9 (Solomon 4 for 30) v. COXA 159 for 5
(Smith 76 not Out) Won
9. West Kent Wanderers 18 for 5 v. Coxa 97 for 7 Drawn
10. Crusader C. C. 146 for 9 v. Coxa 148 for 5 (Mansi 55 Power 40) Won.
Played 10, Won 6, Drew 2, Abandoned 1 Lost 1

Stan Miller

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- *** About to complete 23 years service in the Army is DEL COOPER who says that he is considering coming out in 1977. Also, he hopes to see more Old Boys at the functions.
- *** BRIAN CUNNINGHAM (1950) is now working at the British Museum... reports that doyen of London Transport TONY MORRISH who states that he often sees BRIAN (Thinks I wonder if Tony will try charging Personalia now the fares have increased).
- *** As I write this for COXAN the ashes of English Cricket are being stirred by a West Indian whirlwind and scattered all over the country - nevertheless, this hasn't stopped DERRICK JONES joining the MCC, where he also joins several other Old Boy members.
- *** BEN BENEDICT (the Long John Silver) of the Football Section has had his plaster removed (after 13 weeks) and is also now the proud father of a son - Matthew - born on Cup Final Day. Congratulations to both Marie and Ben - now make him run to change the nappies Marie - he's got no excuse.

*** We hear that GERALD ROWE(1959) is now working for a Sugar Broker in Borough High Street not far from the School of which TED HAYTER is Head.

*** Nice to hear from FREDDIE BALDWIN whose most recent association with the College was being one of its Governors. Freddie sighs at not seeing too many names that he knows in Personalia although the names of JOHN and PETER RAYER caught his eye - he was at the College with their father, JOHN, now living in Eltham. Freddie recently became a Grandad (to his son's first son) for the first time, just before his daughter got married. Grandfather and family are doing well despite all the excitement. He send best wishes to all he knew/knows, especially the evergreen "Dunnie."

*** We also heard from JOHN CROUCH, (one-time Chairman of the Association and also a College Governor) who met Fr. JOHN GUALZATTA recently. John (Crouch that is) also heard from PATRICK HONAN who (if I can read the writing!) had a car crash earlier this year but is now better. Finally, John (who seems to be running his own Personalia section - thanks for all the info!) sends his regards to all.

*** CHRIS PRINCE has moved to somewhere in East Anglia but unfortunately we do not have a full address. Anyone seen a Prince looking for a castle in East Anglia?

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It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of J. McDermethroe in in motorcycle accident. He left the College in 1972. We send our sympathy to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.