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CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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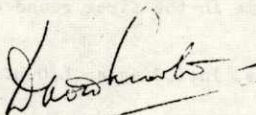
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OCTOBER 76

Traditionally, the October issue of Coxan is very much a resumé of the events at the AGM for those unable to attend. Regretfully, this would appear to be approximately 98 per cent of the membership and whilst one can obviously excuse those overseas or in a far corner of the U.K. the poor attendance of those who could reasonably attend is to be deplored. The discussions and questions at this years AGM were pertinent and thought-provoking and, to those present, everything asked was answered satisfactorily. But a quiet AGM is not necessarily indicative of a thriving Association - what of the views of the silent Majority?

Coxan provides an opportunity for that majority to raise any matters not raised at the AGM and thus we can invite every member to let his views, thoughts or questions be known and, more importantly answered. Although democracy has been satisfied through the convening, notice-giving and holding of the AGM, we feel that since once of the main objects of the Association is communication, greater response from members (including constructive criticism) is essential.

The rest is up to you.



SECTION REPORT

FOOTBALL

The Football section has got off to a good start to the new season, complete with its three promoted sides and is the proud possessors of a 5th XI for the first time.

True, that there have been the odd one or two occasions when things have not gone quite right! When, for example, the 2nd XI received a £5 fine from the A.F.A. for turning up 25 minutes late for a Cup match in Walthamstow.

And when certain players have just not arrived for matches and the rest of the team has had to play with 9 or 10 players. But hopefully the word has got around now that when you are picked to play, you do have to turn up unless you phone up with a good reason in plenty of time.

Competition is hotting up for places in the various teams, as numerically we now have the players available to fill the five sides. But new players are always welcome in the ranks and all players are reminded that they should be at training on Tuesday evenings in the sports hall at Clapham College AND that in order to play for the Association they must have paid an Association Subscription for the current year.

Most of the teams have now played 3 or 4 League matches (25th October), with the 1st XI record; Won 3, Drawn 1, Lost 0.

True the 2nd XI have not won a League match yet, but hopes are running high and they did win through away from home in the first round of the A.F.A. Junior Cup.

The 3rd XI have won their last four matches, including an L.O.B. Minor Cup and an A.F.A. Minor Cup Tie.

The 4th XI have won both of their two League matches played and an L.O.B. Novets cup match away, but lost out in an A.F.A. Senior Novets Cup Tie.

The new 5th XI have started the season well in the League; Won 3, Drawn 1, Lost 0. Unfortunately, they were knocked out in two first round cup matches, but after all it is the League that really counts.

Not only in the 2nd XI, but throughout the Club, hopes are running high for a successful season.

DEREK ROWE
Hon. Sec.

P.S. Don't forget the Boxing Day Football Match. Norbury 11.30 onwards. Do come along - give me a ring (764-0155) if you're in doubt about time, place, sobriety, etc. near the date.

RAFFLES, 100 CLUB, CHRISTMAS DRAW

- it's your money they're after!

CHRISTMAS DRAW

Before you start groaning "Oh no, not again!" just have a look at the enclosed books of draw tickets. Yes, a new-style Christmas Draw which is already going very well in the College. We rely on You to ensure that the Old Boys' effort matches that of the boys. Please return cash and counterfoils as soon as possible to the promoter who will be very happy to supply you with more tickets.

100 CLUB

In the two full years (to August 1976) that the 100 Club has been in operation the takings have been £2337. Prizes given out total £1320, Expenses £14 and net profit for the "Ground Fund" is £1003. This is a splendid figure and Mick Powell (who also has a splendid figure - he thinks) is to be congratulated on the results of a lot of hard work. Some members seem unclear of the purpose of the "Ground Fund" and perhaps this extract from the Association Minutes will make its purpose clear.

"It was confirmed that the Association "Ground Fund" was started when it first became known in May 1974 that the playing facilities at Norbury would be phased out following the decision to build a new school on the ground. If sufficient funds became available then alternative sporting facilities could be purchased or developed. However, it was understood that the monies raised could also be used at the discretion of the Committee for other sporting requirements, e.g. the hiring of facilities, purchase of new equipment, etc."

Meanwhile we append a list of winners since September 1975.

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>TKT NO.</u>	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>SECOND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TKT NO.</u>
SEPT.	29	A. Cleather	£20	D. Martin	£5	32
OCT.	79	D. Mascerenhas	£20	D. Donnelly	£5	14
NOV.	27	M. Grice	£100	P. Manktelow	£15	92
DEC.	27	M. Grice	£20	R. James	£5	56
JAN. 76	23	D. Macdonald	£20	M. Galtry	£5	89
FEB.	23	D. Macdonald	£100	M. McGrath	£15	2
MAR.	31	M. Roszkowski	£20	T. Hixson	£5	66
APR.	3	Mrs. McGrath	£20	T. Jones	£5	78
MAY	47	Mrs. Macdonald	£100	B. Baker	£15	1
JUNE	100	R. Barrett	£20	M. Collins	£5	90
JULY	59	E. Taggart	£20	M. Brien	£5	58
AUG	92	P. Manktelow	£100	T. Jones	£15	78
SEPT.	30	J. Maguire	£20	B. Rowe	£5	40
OCT.	92	D. O'Flynn	£20	J. Honan	£5	8

QXA COMMITTEE 1967/77

			<u>Home</u>	<u>Office</u>
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Asst Chairman	T. Ennis	65 Maryland Rd, Thornton Heath, Surrey.	679 3830	283 1266 x 310
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Social Sec.	R. Stanbridge	2ja Chartfield Ave., SW15		
Clubhouse Mgr.	A. Webber	48 Marlow Rd., SE20	659 3143	254 5464
Section Secs.	S. Miller (Cricket)	29B Grosvenor Pk., SE5		606 3458
	D. Rowe (Football)	86 Kensington Ave., Thornton Heath, Surrey.	764 0155	892 0032
Members	D. Macdonald	33 Purbeck Rd., Chatham, Kent		
	M. Powell	25 Burnbury Rd., SW12		
	M. Grice	32 Clyde House, Sunder Estate, SE15	703 2535	638 2841 x 1672
	A. Murphy	33 Atherfold Rd., SW9	733 5770	
	R. Murtagh	56 Hillhouse Rd, SW16	769 7664	
	W. Bowers	11 Mulready House, Millbank, SW1	828 6013	211 3932
	R. Lucas	22 Sudbourne Rd., SW2		
De-opted Members	D. Quin	221 Valley Rd., SW16	769 7383	405 9160
	B Sanders	19 Limesford Rd., SE15	639 4430	

Please make a special effort to attend the College at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 14th November for the Annual Mass commemorating the deceased members of the Association.¹

As usual coffee and biscuits will be available after the Mass, whilst a special attraction will be the chance to see the new College buildings.

Please remember the 14th November.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MATTERS ARISING

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a copy of the Minutes of the Association AGM which was held on 8th October, with the AGM of the Sports and Social Club. Perhaps we can stress three points that arose from the AGM.

1. From 13th November, no person will be allowed to play sports for the Association unless he has paid an Association sub. This rule will be strictly enforced and has been necessitated by the constant non-payment of Association subs, especially by some Footballers. We have a legal problem in that under our Licence to sell beer, etc. in the Clubhouse only paid-up members are allowed to purchase beer, etc. and non-paid-up members should not be on the premises. We have obviously infringed this rule but inherent in such infringement is the danger of losing the licence completely. Also, of course, it is totally unfair for some members to be using without payment facilities for which other members are paying. The use of Norbury (including the Clubhouse) is obtained via the Association. Repairs, renovations, depreciation of the Clubhouse is paid by the Association. Negotiations for extended use of other facilities (e.g. in the College) is obtained via the Association - all benefit the Sporting sections members and such benefit entails payment of the Association sub. If you don't pay - you don't play!
2. Considerable concern was expressed at the breakdowns in control over the Bar and Bar takings and swift action has been taken to tighten security. It is unfortunate that innuendo and half-accusations have been made - but having been made their import must be noted. A Bar Committee headed by Alan Webber, with Mick Powell and Tony Morrish as members has been appointed-it in turn has nominated 12 bar-servers. At all times one of those 12 must be behind (i.e. in charge of) the Bar and if a member so appointed is not present the Bar may not be used.
3. On a somewhat happier subject, now that the College new block is open, there is a possibility that we could operate an indoor Sports (Badminton, Squash, Volley Ball plus Table Tennis, Darts, Billiards, etc.) section. But we do need to know how many members would be interested, and whether anyone could act as Section Secretary to get it off the ground.
Your service

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MINUTES OF THE 42ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS' ASSOCIATION HELD ON 8 OCTOBER 1976 AT 2015 IN THE CLUBROOM, NORBURY.

- 76/1 PRESENT : D M MARTIN - Chairman
P T O'CONNOR - Secretary
A J MORRISH - Treasurer
E HAYTER - Membership Secretary
A WEBBER - Social Secretary
G HUDSON Vice Chairman
6 C-mmittee Members
11 Members Apologies came from Messrs Bowers, Quin, Keenan.
- 76/2 DECEASED MEMBERS. Prayers, and a minutes silence, were observed for the dead.
- 76/3 MINUTES. The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read.
- 76/4 MATTERS ARISING.
- a. 75/13a The suggestion of using the defunct dinner centre at the school reconstructed elsewhere, had been examined and rejected for financial reasons and the difficulty of having a bar on school grounds.
- b 75/13b The staff sports evening, to which the Association would be invited, had been deferred owing to rebuilding of school premises.
- 76/5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. see Annex A.
- 76/6 COMMENT ON CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. On the question of barring members who had not paid a current subscription from using Association facilities, M McGrath asked for a stay of execution until a notice listing the wayward footballers had been posted on the clubhouse board. A Morrish said he would produce a list of paid up members so that the footballers could see the position. The Chairman ruled that the football section had until 15 November to collect outstanding subscriptions after which time no footballer who had not paid would be included in team fixtures.
- 76/7 TREASURER'S REPORT. see Annex B.
- 76/8 COMMENTS ON TREASURER'S REPORT. The meeting was dismayed to learn of the auditors' dissatisfaction with the low profit shown on the Trading Account of the Sports and Social Club. After discussion it became clear that bar procedures were open to abuse and the new bar committee was charged with devising a method of ensuring that when the bar is open it is properly supervised and manned by responsible persons. The situation will be closely watched by the Committee and monitored quarterly.
- 76/9 ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS. Both the Chairman's and the Treasurers reports were accepted.

76/10 ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICIALS. The following club officials were elected en bloc nemine contradicente :-

President : Rev. Brother Cyril
Vice Presidents : Rev. Brothers Dunstan, David, Peter, Christopher, Godric
Messrs. D Jones, D Mulvihill, A Thomas, C Pocock, M Ward.
Chairman : D M Martin
Vice Chairman : G Hudson
Secretary : P T O'Connor
Treasurer : A J Morrish
Social Secretary : R Stanbridge
Membership Secretary : E Hayter
Editor of COXAN : D M Martin
Members : M Grice, D McDonald
Representatives for New Members (ex College) A Murphy, R Murtagh

Other members would be co-opted as required by the new Committee.

76/11 ACCEPTANCE OF SECTION SECRETARIES. The Meeting accepted the following names :

Football Secretary : D Rowe
Cricket Secretary : S Miller
Clubhouse Manager : A Webber
Fund Raising Secretary : M Powell

76/12 ELECTION OF AUDITORS. Having indicated their willingness to stand, J Rayer and D Mulvihill were accepted as auditors. The Chairman thanked them for their efforts on the accounts of the current year.

76/13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

a. M Casserly believed it would be helpful if someone from the Association spoke to the boys at the school on what the Old Boys had to offer. In reply the Chairman said that a booklet explaining the Association had been distributed in the College but had met with only limited success. It was agreed that some form of permanent poster would be needed for display on notice boards.

b. It was decided to send the teaching staff at Clapham copies of the COXAN magazine.

c. The proposal that a plaque should be erected at the College to commemorate the Xaverian association with Clapham was well received by the Meeting. A progress report will be given at the next AGM.

d. G Hudson proposed a vote of thanks to D Martin for his work as Chairman ; this sentiment was warmly endorsed by all present.

e. Everyone was reminded that the Annual Mass would be celebrated on 14 November at 1100 in the school chapel.

76/14 CONCLUSION. As there was no further business, the meeting was concluded at 2120.

THE CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS' ASSOCIATION SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST AUGUST, 1976

31.8.75

£	<u>ASSETS</u>	£
230	Debtors and prepayments	32.87
162	Stock, at cost	138.00
66	Cash at bank and in hand	<u>500.78</u>
458		671.65
168	<u>Deduct:</u> Creditors	-
290		<u>671.65</u>
	NET ASSETS	
These net assets represent the amount due to the Clapham Old Xaverians' Association :-		
£		£
256	On Profit and Loss Account at 1.9.75	287.43
31	Profit for the year ended 31.8.1976	<u>38.37</u>
		325.80
(27)	<u>Add:</u> Balance on Current Account	<u>345.85</u>
260		<u>671.65</u>

1975 TRADING ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST AUGUST, 1976

£	<u>SALES</u>	£
1,383		1,447.84
	<u>Deduct:</u> Cost of Sales	
	Opening Stock	162.18
	Purchases	<u>1,246.66</u>
		1,408.84
1,234	Closing Stock	<u>138.00</u>
		<u>1,270.84</u>
149		<u>177.00</u>

£ PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST AUGUST, 1976

£	<u>PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST AUGUST, 1976</u>	£
149	Trading Profit	177.00
£	<u>Less:</u>	£
52	Rates	56.08
27	Electricity	46.35
10	Insurance	11.48
39	Sundries	<u>33.22</u>
128		<u>147.13</u>
21		29.87
10	Membership Fees	8.50
31		<u>38.37</u>

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS' ASSOCIATION
SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

We have examined the above accounts, comprising a balance sheet, trading account and profit and loss account.

In our view the volume of goods purchased, as disclosed by the Trading Account, should yield a profit in excess of that shown.

Subject to the above, the accounts are in agreement with the books and records which we have examined.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST AUGUST 1976

<u>1975</u>			
£	<u>INCOME</u>	£	£
	Subscriptions	145.35	
137	Less: Contributions to Sports and Social Club	<u>3.50</u>	131.85
20	Transfer from Associate Members' Account		20.00
9	Transfer from Life Members' Account		12.30
<u>31</u>	Building Society Interest		<u>31.81</u>
197			200.96
	<u>RESULT OF ACTIVITIES</u>		
72	Christmas and Derby Draws	167.56	
23	"Disco-Dance" Football Dinner	(31.06)	
(10)	(Car Rally) Riverboat Dance	22.48	
(79)	Annual Dinner	<u>(61.51)</u>	97.47
	<u>SECTION RESULTS</u>		
89	Football	56.49	
18	Cricket	<u>64.61</u>	122.90
31	<u>SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB</u>		38.37
<u>7</u>	<u>DONATIONS</u>		<u>3.10</u>
348			463.10
	<u>Total Income</u>		
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
265	Postage, Printing, Coxan and Stationery	272.39	
10	Insurance	17.30	
44	Sundry expenses (including £15 donation to College Team)	16.21	
10	Provisions for repairs to Club House	10.00	
<u>25</u>	Provision for depreciation of Club House	<u>25.00</u>	
354			<u>340.90</u>
	<u>Total Expenditure</u>		
<u>(6)</u> (Loss)			<u>122.80</u>
£	<u>INCOME OF GROUND FUND IN YEAR TO 31ST AUGUST 1976</u>		
515	PROFIT FROM '100' CLUB		500.00
40	INTEREST ON ABBEY NATIONAL DEPOSIT		50.71
<u>555</u>			<u>550.71</u>

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CLAPHAM OLD
XAVERIANS' ASSOCIATION

We have examined the accounts consisting of the balance sheets attached and the income and expenditure accounts above, and in our opinion they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association and the Funds at 31st August 1976 and of the profit of the Association for the year then ended.

D. Mulvihill)
J. Rayer) Hon. Auditors. 9

CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS' ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST AUGUST 1976

ANNEX B

31.8.75

		£	£
	<u>ASSETS</u>		
1	Sundry Assets, at nominal value		1.00
	Club House - Expenditure to date	657.70	
	<u>Less: Provision for Depreciation</u>	<u>250.00</u>	
		407.70	
	<u>Less: Receipts to date</u>	<u>231.10</u>	
202			176.60
5	Stock of ties, at cost less profit on sales		4.98
77	Prepayments and sundry debtors		133.50
277	Balances with Sports Sections		154.13
260	Current Account with Sports and Social Club		671.65
1,283	Deposit with Abbey National Building Society		1,365.56
23	Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>118.57</u>
2,128			2,655.99
260	<u>Deduct: Sundry creditors</u>		<u>67.77</u>
<u>1,868</u>	NETT ASSETS		<u>2,588.22</u>

£ These Net Assets represent the following balances :- £ £ .

	<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u>		
	Balance as at 1st September 1975	812.15	
	Profit per annexed account	<u>122.20</u>	
812			934.35
173	<u>LIFE MEMBERS' ACCOUNT</u>		230.00
40	<u>ASSOCIATE MEMBERS' ACCOUNT</u>		20.00
19	<u>PROVISION FOR FUTURE REPAIRS TO CLUB HOUSE</u>		29.42
49	<u>RESERVE ACCOUNT</u>		49.27
775	<u>GROUND FUND ACCOUNT</u>		<u>1,325.18</u>
<u>1,868</u>			<u>2,588.22</u>

BROTHER DUNSTAN JUBILEE FUND AND XAVERIAN BROTHERS PRIZE MEMORIAL FUND

		£	£
	<u>ASSETS</u>		
139	£300 War $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ Loan, at cost (Market Value £78)		139.10
153	Deposit with Abbey National Building Society		162.35
44	Balance at Bank		<u>55.01</u>
<u>336</u>			<u>356.46</u>
	These Assets represent the following :-		
289	Funds at 31st August 1975		288.93
47	Accumulated Income to 31st August 1976		<u>67.53</u>
<u>336</u>			<u>356.46</u>

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Annex A

I have sat in the Secretary's chair at these AGMs for the past eleven years and heard several Chairman report on those years in different ways - sometimes a year has been better than average - sometimes not. On referring to last years minutes I note that Tom Ennis reported a good year in 1974/75 so I suppose the laws of average necessitate a poor year this year and yet I wonder if this is true.

The College entered a new phase in its life and the Association Committee has spent much time exploring both the possibilities and the problems of the new relationship we now have with the College, many of whose pupils have never seen a Xaverian brother and have little but a geographical association with Nightingale Lane. I am pleased to be able to report that our relationship with the new Headmaster is most cordial which may well turn out to be the greatest success of the last Association year. Added to that, after some initial difficulties we also appear to have successfully obtained full use of the College sporting facilities for the Football Section. In itself, this raises an interesting question since it would appear that if we have sufficient interest we might be able to run an Indoor Sports Section for Squash, Badminton, Billiards and Table Tennis using the College's new facilities. To start such a section would not only need support, it would also need someone to assist as Section Secretary - anyone who thinks he might have the time available should contact me or a member of the Committee.

Financially, the Association is just viable, but the number of subscriptions in relation to the increasing number of names on our mailing list decreased, this year despite our setting a target of 200 subs. I feel, and many of the other Committee Members share my feeling that at the very least we should have a right to expect that anyone who uses the facilities that the Association provides - Norbury, the Clubhouse, Social events, etc. - should pay to belong. Indeed, the situation is particularly pertinent here at Norbury since anyone who has not paid

a sub is not legally permitted to buy a drink in this Clubhouse. The Committee feel therefore, that we must recommend the rule that unless a member of a sporting section has paid an Association sub. he may not play for the Association. This rule does not apply to schoolboys, but it does apply and will be enforced against any other members of a section. In the case of the Football Section, the weekly team sheet may not contain the name of a member who has not paid an Association sub with effect from the week commencing 1st November. I'm sure I can rely on all sections and particularly the Football Section to ensure that every member pay an Association sub. direct to Ted Hayter or to their Captain before the deadline of 31st October.

Events throughout the year have been run well, enjoyed thoroughly and attended reasonably well for the most part which is an encouraging thing for the arrangers to whom I express heartfelt thanks on both my behalf and that of the Association for their efforts. Those events which fared better on the attendance stakes were the Riverboat Shuffle which was packed and must rank as one of the best events ever run by the Association, both Barbeques and the Football Disco Buffet. Those attended less well were the Annual Mass which is regrettable and the Dinner/Dance which suffered from a move to avoid a clash with the Football Disco and didn't travel well. This impacted the Association financially as did one or two of the other events to a lesser extent and has caused the Committee to set up criteria aimed at ensuring that social events at least break even. Nevertheless, it is a fact that supported well every event should make money.

Sporting wise, the Association had a very good year as has been reported in COXAN and I congratulate both Football and Cricket sections and their members on their several successes. I must also congratulate and thank Mick Powell for his considerable efforts running the 100 Club. This can, at times, be a thankless task and Mick's dedication to the Fund is of considerable value to the Association. COXAN has appeared four times and has brought forth some complimentary letters and

a few complaints. Like every publication of its sort, it can fail because of a lack of response from members. Anyone can write for COXAN - even if only for Personalia.

Finally, I would like to thank the Committee for their work in running the Association in the past year, particularly those who jobs are unseen by most members, but can nevertheless be onerous.

I started this report thinking 1975/76 had been a poor year - having reviewed it I think perhaps my initial thoughts were incorrect - perhaps after all it had more successes than it had failures and was reasonably successful.

Shubs
Oct 76

NEXT COXAN ?

FEB '77

DO SEND IN NEWS ETC FOR

PERSONALIA BY JAN 77.

THE EDITOR, COXAN,
59, THORN HILL, NORTH WEALE BASSETT, ESSEX

PERSONALIA

*** We received a nice letter from Mr. Gleeson (Headmaster of the College) following the Association forwarding part of the profit on the Christmas Draw to the College. The Chapel in the process of being redecorated and refurbished so the money was placed towards the cost.

*** Hopefully the chapel redecoration will be finished prior to the Annual Remembrance Day Mass (14th November 11.00 a.m.) otherwise the service will be held in the Dining Centre. It is to be hoped that the attendance will be greater this year than last.

*** We welcome COLIN MORTIMER, EDWARD OJAK, ARKAD GRZENIA and STEPHEN MADDEN all of whom left the College in July to Membership of the Association. We hope following the election of BOB MURTAGH and ALAN MURPHY (joint school captains) to the Committee that they will be the first of an increasing number of new members from the new College.

*** From four who left the College in 1976, we turn to JORGE de MELLO SABUGOSA who left in 1926 and recently visited the College. He is now farming in Brazil and living in Rio de Janeiro. I wonder what changes he noticed from 50 years ago.

*** Returning to more recent years, we welcome BOB SPEIGHT (1966) to membership. Bob's living in Maidstone but will soon be working in Streatham as manager of a branch of a building society.

*** AIDAN CORISH (1957?) has moved and acquaintances missing him in usual haunts in Sutton Coldfield should seek him in Hornchurch (full address from the Editor if necessary).

*** We hear via TONY AMURA (1953) that RON LEWIS is Sales Manager of the new Metropole Hotel at the National Exhibition Centre at Birmingham. Ron is still enjoying his refcreeing.

*** Tony has also been in the sporting news having joined TED HAYTER and BRIAN SANBERS in a COXA cricket team in mid-season for a kind of 1960's reunion.

PERSONALIA

- *** Another instant replay of the early 60s Cricket Team flashed by our eyes with a letter from PETER BARRY (1954) now living in Sunbury on Thames. Peter hopes to return to the COXA Cricket Scene in 1977.
- *** FR. ERIC MEAD (1959) has moved from Camberwell to St. Josephs, Sundridge Rd, whilst FR. MICHAEL LYNAM (1918) has just retired as P.P. of Kenton and is now living in Old Stevenage. We send Fr. Lynam our best wishes for a long and happy retirement and thank him in turn for his good wishes.
- *** ERIC TOPE is back in town. Recently appointed Second Deputy Head at St. Thomas the Apostle School in Nunhead, Eric and his family have come all the way back from Teignmouth to live in Biggin Hill (No, not the R.A.F. Station - the road near the OTHER college on Beulah Hill)
- *** To Anne and DAVE SLATTERY (1955) - a son, born on September 22nd. Dave also moved recently, not so far as Eric, though; just down the hill to Dulwich. Slattery minor answers (or will answer) to the names Andrew David.
- *** "Small World Department"
BRIAN SANDERS (1955) perhaps intending to change a diet of garlic and gauloises for one of sausage and sauerkraut, recently started a course in German. Among the other students in the class was DAVE ROWLES (1955). Does anybody know where BRIAN SMITH is so that the old triumvirate can be reformed.
- *** PETER MARTIN (1975) has returned from a holiday in North America and can't wait to get back West, and wishes to know if anybody will sponsor him. Meanwhile he is continuing his education in Kent.
- *** PAUL ZAZZI was planning to return for a holiday to England from Australai, where he is teaching in the outback. He only got as far as Bali, better (or worse!) luck next year, Paul. Meanwhile, how about some impressions of down under?
- *** TAD CIECHANOWICZ (1969) has just returned from the West Indies. His brother ZBIGNIEW (1971) is doing post graduate research at Surrey University.
- *** LAWRENCE HILLIGAN (1976) has joined the seminary for the SERVICE fathers and we believe that STEPHEN SCHWENK has commenced studies for the priesthood.
- *** Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. NOEL CURRAN (1973) who were recently married. Noel and brother Chris (1976) are playing football for Wimbledon F.C.
- *** MARK ROSZKOWSKI (1970) has reached Greece on his overland journey to India.

- *** Congratulation to ROB JAMES (head of P.E. at the school and regular for 4th XI) and wife DEE on the recent birth of KATE. Good job they didn't choose a Welsh name - we couldn't spell it.
- *** TOM MCLOUGHLIN (1975) can only play for the Old Boys 1st XI on week in 3 - the rest of the time he's on North Sea Oil Rigs off Aberdeen. The Scots are always ribbing him about being English - they don't know he's from Tipperary.
- *** PAUL (1970) and TIM (1972) HIXSON are holidaying and visiting their sister in the U.S. Brother FRANK has made a welcome return to Old Boys Football and is the leading scorer in the club at the moment.
- *** TREVOR JONES (1975) recently won a scholarship as top engineering student at Imperial College (?) London. He is now working in Hayes and is seen some evenings working in a Norwood Pub owned by CHARLIE HARKIN's (1973) father.
- *** PAUL TEHAN (1969) was seen riding a horse on Streatham Common.
- *** CHARLIE BOND (1971) with the rugged good looks hopes to marry CHRIS next summer and have the reception in an ice cream parlour.
- *** PETER 'PINCHER' MARTIN (1975) was recently visiting the school. He was at the Montreal Olympics but has now returned to Kent University where he frequently drinks with RICHARD HARRIS, JEAN SULLIVAN and DERMOT MCCABE (all 1975). Pincher can't wait to get back West and wants to know if anyone will sponsor him.
- *** Meanwhile, PETER MCCABE (1975) has taken under his dubious care JOHN TAGGART and MARTIN MCGPATH (both 1976) at Hull University. MATTHEW MURTAGH (1972) is teaching English in Spain at the moment, whilst brother BOB is one of Claphams two Head Boys for this year and with Alan Murphy (the other Head Boy) is a member of this year COXA Committee.
- *** Congratulations to JOHN MCGOWAN (1960) and Angela on the birth of a daughter. He is now deputy editor of 'Do It Yourself' Magazine (there's no answer to the 'is there?')
- *** COLIN GARVEY (to whom I am indebted for 50 per cent of this editions Personalia) is doing well and wishes to be remembered to all his friends to whom he doesn't owe money.