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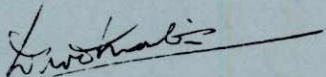
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1977 is Jubilee year for the Nation and whether it is the impact of that fact (if indeed impact is the word) or just coincidence (which is by far the more likely reason) it seems that COXA is determined to make 1977 a year to remember both sportingly and socially.

If you glance through this edition and look particularly at the calendar I trust you'll be impressed at both the number of events, and their range, that the Association hopes to run in the coming months. Inevitably, however, we come back to the old story - support. If the events are well-supported, the Association flourishes - if not, not only does the Association falter, but also those running the events lose heart and the number of events drops.

Financially, the Association is having a good year so far. Membership (paying membership, that is) seems to be increasing and the relief from the financial drag of keeping in touch with non-paying members commences with this issue. This means that very regretfully we've deleted a further batch of names from the mailing list because of non-payment of subs. Needless to say, if you are in touch with any of those members who may have had a change of heart a £2 sub will restore their name to the list.

So finances look good, events look numerous - the only variable is support - and that is up to you.



David Martin

COMMITTEE NEWS

It is a sad fact that the Committee works all year running the Association and usually gets a hurried note of thanks (if the Chairman remembers) at the end of the AGM when everyone is dying for the Bar to open.

To attempt to correct this I decided to insert a note of thanks in this COXAN since in recent months I have become even more aware of the volume of work - most of it unseen by other Committee members, let alone Association Members - performed by many members.

This years Committee welcomed several newcomers and particularly young members. This is particularly important as at the other end of the scale some of the long serving Committee Members will inevitably fade away soon. The loss of their experience without an influx of new younger members would be very unwelcome but since enthusiasm can often match experience (and new ideas are always interesting) the future does not look unfriendly. Far from it, since the appearance on the Committee of the two Head Boys of the College - Bob Murtagh and Alan Murphy, together with the long standing and ever-willing Brian Sanders from the teaching staff - aided and abetted now by our Vice Chairman, Graham Hudson gives a considerable bias towards knowledge of and greater links with the College which is very much as it should be.

Unfortunately, we've already lost two Committee members - Pat O'Connor and Ray Stanbridge. As Secretary of the Association with 18 months standing the loss of Pat is particularly unfortunate but we can understand him preferring COX to COXA (rowing that is) - luckily Graham Hudson (whose role as Vice-Chairman was akin to that of an American Vice-President!) has agreed to act as Secretary with Alan Murphy providing some administrative help. Ray, we've lost to the States within four months of his agreeing to co-ordinate social events as Social Secretary - luckily Wilson Bowers has agreed to take over Ray's job. So if anyone has any ideas for events, etc, please contact Wilson.

The remainder of the Committee is as was. We're always pleased to hear from members regarding complaints, suggestions, etc. - so don't hold back about coming forward. New committee members are also welcome and if you'd like to help do let us know - but it does require regular attendance at a monthly meeting and work!

COXA MEMBERSHIP 1976-77

B. Aldridge
 A. Amura
 B. Baker
 R. Benson
 W. Bowers
 J. Bunce
 G. Burgess
 G. Bell
 S. Burke
 P. Brown
 P. Barry
 M. Butler
 P. Butler
 P. Burke
 P. Brennan
 K. Carroll
 J. Chambers
 G. Clark
 A. Cleather

M. Collins
 A. Corish
 T. Cremins
 A. Coletta
 P. Carter
 P. Cousins
 P. Dixon
 D. Doyle
 M. Duffy
 J. Doran
 J. Egan
 V. Ennis
 B. Farrell
 J. Flynn
 J. Freddi
 A. Fulker
 M. Ferrante
 L. Green
 D. Gamber

J. Gavigan
 C. Garvey
 J. Gilhooly
 J. Goldie
 M. Grice
 M. Galtrey
 R. Grzenia
 P. Hughes
 D. Hogan
 H. Hayland
 R. Hrinkiewicz
 H. J. Hickland
 J. Hickland
 F. Hixson
 G. Hudson
 J. Hickey
 P. Rod. Jones
 T. D. Jones
 R. Januszewski

J. Keen
 J. Keenan
 W. Kidd
 C. Kavanagh
 M. Kelly
 A. Kennedy
 N. Keough
 R. Lucas
 P. Leeder
 K. McElligott
 P. Martin
 J. Mansi
 R. Massara
 J. Maquire
 S. Miller
 D. Mulvihill
 M. McGrath
 B. Milligan
 D. McDonald

D. Mascerano
 D. Murtagh
 E. Madden
 A. Mortimer
 R. Murphy
 J. McNama
 K. McKenna
 M. McGloughlin
 J. McNicholas
 E. Newman
 J. Noulton
 D. O'Flynn
 G. O'Brien
 H. O'Shea
 M. Ojak
 H. Pinsent
 B. Plummer
 R. Pearson
 J. Paine

M. Power
 R. Prince
 M. Powell
 A. Phipps
 G. Pellican
 T. Price
 D. Quin
 J. Rayer
 V. Rozkowski
 G. Rowe
 I. Randolph
 A. Remedios
 F. Ryan
 M. Scott
 D. Slattery
 T. Shaw
 J. Straiton
 B. Schwenck
 C. Smith

N. Scott
 R. Stanbridge
 R. Speight
 J. Thornton
 J. Tee
 P. Trumper
 P. Tehan
 G. Taggart
 E. Tope

J. Vergus
 J. Wilson
 P. Whelan
 M. Ward
 F. Wedgeworth
 K. Williamson
 R. Westwood
 A. Webber
 B. Williams

P. West

The above list reflects the names of those Ordinary and Junior members who have paid a sub. since 1st September 1976. Life and Honorary members are not shown. If you have paid a sub and your name is not shown please let us know. If your name is not shown (and you are not a Life Member) please pay a sub. as soon as possible or you may find this list is the last you will see!

FOOTBALL

The Football Section's very successful season is currently in jeopardy because of the prolonged wet weather. Weeks and weeks of almost continuous rain have waterlogged pitches everywhere and so many matches have been postponed that it will be difficult to complete the list of fixtures before the end of the season.

Matches over Easter, evening matches and the unpopular 'double headers' will all have to be played, and the complete co-operation of players in all the five teams will be required.

The 1st XI is suffering the worst backlog of fixtures, which has not been helped by a successful run in the AFA Senior Cup. By the third Saturday in February only seven League matches had been played and there were 15 to go.

During the whole of December and January not one 1st XI League match was played, and due to frost, snow and rain one Cup match against Old Strandians was postponed on four successive weeks until we finally played and beat them 6-1. In other rounds, the 1st XI disposed of Old Tenisonians and Reigate Priory before being beaten themselves by Southgate Olympic, a top Southern Amateur side. But they had nevertheless done extremely well in being one of only four sides in the Old Boys' League to reach the last 16 of the AFA Senior Cup.

The 2nd XI have had five matches postponed through the bad weather making grounds unfit, the 4th XI have lost six matches and the 5th XI eight matches. Luckiest of all, the 3rd XI so far have only missed playing on two Saturdays and one of those was a friendly fixture. But the overall number of postponements for the Club now present a great problem of trying to fit in too many matches before the end of the season on 6th May.

The 1st XI record, including 19th February: Played 7, won 4, Drawn 3, Lost 0 Goals for 16, Goals Against 7, Points 11. The position in the League table is not known for certain, however, because of the latest results of the other clubs.

Unfortunately, the 2nd XI have only been able to play once in February due to the bad weather and on that day lost both matches in a 'double header' away at Slough. Played 10, Won 4, Drawn 1, Lost 5, Goals For 21, Goals Against 31, Points 9.

The 3rd XI were second in the table at the end of January and their record is now: Played 14, Won 9, Drawn 2, Lost 3, Goals for 38, Goals Against 17, Points 20.

Both the 4th XI and the 5th XI were proudly at the top of their respective divisions at the end of January and their records are now:

4th XI - Played 11, Won 11, Drawn 0, Lost 0, Goals For 42, Goals Against 14, Points 22.

5th XI - Played 12, Won 8, Drawn 1, Lost 3, Goals for 41, Goals Against 30, Points 17.

CRICKET DINNER

On Friday December 3rd the eve of Brian Sanders' birthday, a select band met in the Windmill at Clapham Common, before going on to a Greek (so they told me) restaurant in Balham where the remainder of the diners were to join them to celebrate the successes - and failures - of the previous cricket season. A wide variety of ages and sexes were represented. Those attending ranged from players who had made enormous contributions to the sides throughout the season, like 'Blod' Grice, to others who had been able to offer perhaps smaller contributions, like John Mansi, it would be invidious to mention particular players on such an occasion.

The dinner was brought to order (or was it: the orders were brought to the diners?) by the Spanish head waiter, who had received apologies for absence from the section chairman, Dave Martin. Only short notice had been given for the date of the dinner and Dave had already made plans to wash his hair that evening (Absolute lies - why should I wash it - it wasn't my birthday - D.M.). Overcoming this disappointment the diners went on to enjoy a splendid Italian meal, which was interrupted only when those sitting on the far side of the table climbed underneath it as occasion (and the fine Hungarian wine) demanded. Digestions were assisted by the prevention of 'Ben' Benedict from making any more than a two minute speech (which he did on seven occasions during the evening). Conversation was at a very high level throughout (in fact, the Norwegians on the adjacent tables, complained frequently about it), and a minor triumph of observation was recorded late in the evening when it was discovered that Mrs. Mickey Power had not come to the dinner unaccompanied.

The most emotional moment of the evening was undoubtedly when the first team captain, Stan Miller, was presented with a new cricket jumper. Stan reacted so warmly that he burnt a hole in the arm and it was only the speedy (for once!) reactions of John Mansi which prevented him from catching fire completely. A successful evening was brought to a close with fond farewells and those contributing to 'Bill Number 7' finding that their loud and frequent demands that other 'bills' should take wine with them had cost them dear. At present the only native Britons on the staff in this Balham restaurant are those Old Xavarians currently washing up.

Wilson Bowers

CLAPHAM COLLEGE AND C.O.X.A. DEVELOPMENT FUND CHRISTMAS DRAW 1976.

PRIZEWINNERS

1st Prize £100	M. Barlow	Tkt. No. 28790
Bottle of Whiskey	J. Slusarczyk	3284
Bottle of Whiskey	M. Martin	39365
Bottle of Whiskey	G. Snowsill	36385
Bottle of Whiskey	G. Cameron	26226
Bottle of Whiskey	S. Smith	32183
Bottle of Gin	H. Rose	7282
Bottle of Gin	M. McGrath	14548
Bottle of Gin	Mrs. E. Sheehan	13084
Bottle of Gin	M. Treanor	35993
Bottle of Gin	R. Wymes	29395
Bottle of Sherry	Mrs. McCarthy	26168
Bottle of Sherry	Karl	3455
Bottle of Sherry	O. Paveni	25919
Bottle of Sherry	Mr. Corbett	39350
Bottle of Sherry	S. W. Gaffon	34144
Bottle of Martini	M. Barlow	28782
Bottle of Martini	P. Cunnion	18831
Bottle of Martini	Miss M. Curran	39921
Bottle of Martini	C. Cummings	24878
Bottle of Martini	McHugh	15078

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SOCIAL CALENDAR

March 13th	"Meet the College" - 6th Form Stag Night. Norbury 7.30	Details from Wilson Bowers
May 21st	"Buffet Disco" - Football Section	Details from Mick Powell
June/July	Riverboat Shuffle	Details from Wilson Bowers
July/August	Barbeque at Norbury	Details - Alan Webber
	Picnic at Mayfield	Details - Brian Sanders
September	Car Rally	Details-Graham Hudson
October 7th	AGM - Norbury	-
October 22nd	Dinner Dance	Details - Graham Hudson

and remember the 100 Club Draw - every month on the last Saturday

COXA COMMITTEE 1976/77

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COLLEGE NEWS

- * The financial outcome of the Christmas Draw (results shown in this issue) was very commendable and accurately reflects the considerable amount of work performed by Brian Sanders in running the Draw. The total gross income neared the £1000 mark this year and the nett profit sent to the College was £400. The Association share of just over £200 is obviously of considerable use bearing in mind that subscription income is only £150 so far this year, whilst Coxan alone costs approx. £250 per year.

- * The Committee was also very pleased to be able to help the College by a donation towards the Schools entry for the 1977 Ten Tors Competition. Paul Hilditch who is running the College's two teams told us that our donation is likely to be used for special dehydrated, high calorie food that the boys will eat during the competition (which finishes on May 23rd). Paul has promised to keep us informed of progress in the competition and I'm sure we wish both teams the best of luck.

PERSONALIA

- *** RAY STANBRIDGE has left the UK to take up a position in the U.S.A. with a computer company.

- *** TERRY PRICE has hung up his football boots for this year in order to redecorate his love nest.

- *** I understand there is a "contract" out on JOE MCELLIGOTT following his virtuoso sadistical performance in taking football training recently.

- *** JAMES HAY (1968) is now parish priest at a Brixton Church. I'm sure he would be delighted to see(!) any old boys who remember him - or, come to that, who would like to meet him for the first time.

- *** BROTHER GODERICK, now working on a mission in Kenya, recently visited the (new) College and was taken on a conducted tour by BRIAN SANDERS who seems to be making a speciality of this sort of thing.

- *** JOHN SHERIDAN R.N. (1952) is now in Gibraltar but hopes to be back in Portsmouth in the not too distant future.

- *** EDWARD SZWED (1975) (or Danny Warren as he states he will be known to his friends) wrote to the Editor to confirm rumours that he is at Birmingham University studying History. Any contemporaries - please contact Danny at Brum.

- *** SEAN GAVIGAN recently moved to Parkstone (Dorset) and invites any OX's who are passing to drop in for a glass of cider.
- *** Also on the move; JERRY HERTZ (1967) moved to Saffron Walden and his wife Christine gave birth to a daughter Marysia on 8th June last.
- *** BROTHER CHRISTOPHER in Manchester wrote recently and wishes to be remembered to all OX's who knew him. He would also be pleased to hear from any of them.
- *** AIDAN COLETTA's (1968) wife Maria gave birth to a baby boy early in January. Name - Gordon Bennett!
- *** MICK CASSERLY's (Staff) wife Rosanna gave birth to a baby girl also in early January. Name - Eleanor.
- *** PAT GOOCH, now with Apple and Pear Development Council visited the College in February. He is now living at Crowborough.
- *** There was a minor OB's reunion at LYN and LISA CARPENTER's recently. PETER BROWN, WILLY PEPPER, TONY AMURA, PHIL LEEDER, and TED HAYTER, plus wives went back in the past to their younger and fitter days.
- *** The first of the SANDERS clan - David - is now a pupil at the College. This now entitles him legally to field 3rd man at both ends for the Saturday cricket team!
- *** Congratulations to RYK HRYNKIEWICZ-JUDNIK whose wife gave birth to Robert Daniel on 14th July last. Ryk now works as a Product Manager in the Central Procurement Division of Fyffes Group.
- *** TONY AMURA, now head of his own firm in the Public Relations and Marketing Consultancy field met DAVID MARTIN, who became Company Secretary of Maynards Ltd (yes the wine gum people) on 1st March in the offices of Fermaprint (who have printed COXAN for COXA since Tony was Editor of the Newsletter) recently.
- *** We heard from H & K SCHWENK recently with news that STEPHEN has entered the De la Salle brothers order and VINCENT was married on 9th October. Having now been freed of 'Clapham Commoners' Schwenk senior are settling down to a peaceful old age.
- *** We also heard via TONY MORRISH from PHIL TRUMPER (still living in Cuffley, Herts) who keeps in touch with Vice President DERRICK JONES. Indeed with a combined age of 131 PHIL AND DERRICK recently returned from a walking holiday in Greece. Derrick has just retired from Eagle Star Insurance after 48 years service - a fine record (I weren't put - it's a good policy!).