

CLAPHAM COLLEGE BROADSHEET



BROADSHEET No.3

23rd May, 1985

Dear Parents,

I have just been informed by the Chairman of the Diocesan Commission that the Department of Education and Science has approved the closure of Notre Dame Girls School, Battersea and our move to the site in September 1985. This is, obviously, a great relief to us all as it means that all of us can now plan for a successful removal and re-installation at Battersea. To enable the staff to pack the vast amount of "possessions" that we have in Clapham College, the Divisional Education Officer has agreed that the school shall close one week early in July. The last day of the Summer Term for the pupils of Clapham College will therefore, be Friday 12th July. I appreciate that this may be inconvenient for some of you but the reason is fairly obvious and we wish to be able to start in September with the school ready for us.

During the course of the next few weeks I shall be seeing all members of the school in order to explain to them exactly what the new arrangements will be from September. I shall also send you all printed details. Be assured your sons and daughters will not be allowed to suffer because of these arrangements. My staff are in very good heart and determined to succeed in our new premises.

R.W. Sparks.
Headmaster

Pilgrimage to Aylesford

On the feast of the Ascension a fourth year and a second year class went to Aylesford. There they handed over a cheque (for £700) to Bishop Tripp for the Southwark Childrens' Fund. The sun shone for the first time since January and added the touch needed to a most happy day at Aylesford. Chaplains, teachers and pupils enjoyed the open air Mass, the picnic on the lawns, the peace and the joy of Aylesford.

School Mission

From the 1st to the 5th of July there will be a School Mission. The Redemptorist Fathers will come to the school and a special time table has been worked out to enable us to deepen and to share our faith. Parents are also most cordially invited, especially to the two Masses which open and close the Mission. For details ask your son or contact the R.E. staff.

K. McGlynn

H.C. PT. Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The following letter was received from Br. Reginald, leader of Group 4.8, expressing his appreciation to the school.

Dear Headmaster,

I write to thank you and your school for the support you gave in allowing Mary Ann Kavanagh to come as a helper with my group in this year's H.C.P.T. Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Mary Ann's presence proved to be a very positive element in the functioning of the

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group. She worked very hard, her sensitivity, good humour and gentleness were of such a high quality that she was greatly appreciated by the children and other helpers. Her behaviour was exemplary and I hope that she will be able to join my group in 1986.DV

May I congratulate you, your staff and pupils for creating the ethos which has allowed Mary Ann to mature so beautifully.

May Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette intercede for your intentions.

Yours sincerely,
Brother Reginald.

Clapham College Football Tour to Belgium.

The annual football tour to Belgium took place as usual in the Easter holidays. This was the 13th. consecutive tour and, superstition notwithstanding, was probably one of the best. Mr. Sanders, Mr. Curtin and Mr. James, spent a week in the pleasant resort of Blankenberg, with visits to Bruges and Meli Amusement Park. The two football teams played two matches each against local clubs, winning and losing one match each. Considering the unusually small group, these groups reflected great credit on all the players and on their team managers.

If we were less impressed by Belgium weather than by Belgian hospitality, it has to be admitted that we were lucky in that the sun shone on those occasions when it mattered most. Two excellent crossings and the general high standard of behaviour on the part of the boys contributed in no small way to make this the second very successful journey abroad that the school has undertaken this year. It is hoped that the week in Dieppe in July will complete a memorable hat-trick.

Brian Sanders.

Animal Club Success

The Biology Department would like to thank the members of the Animal Club for their help in maintaining a wide variety of animals including reptils, amphibians, fish, birds, mammals and invertebrates, for use in teaching. We would also like to inform that we have had great success at breeding and rearing the following, Giant African Land Snails, Indian Stick Insects, American Crickets, Flower Beetles, Axolothls, and many small mammals, some of which are very difficult to keep in captivity.

Any member of staff or boy who would like to visit the school animal and plant collection, please contact Roger Stanley, our Biology Technician.

W. Rogalski.

Visit to Bankside

On May 1st. fifth year O-Level Literature students attended a performance of Shakespeare's "Henry IV Part I", at the Bankside Theatre which is situated on the site of various Elizabethan places of entertainment including Shakespeare's own theatre, The Globe. It was a very straightforward production which provided the boys with an excellent opportunity to revise their set play just before their examination, and gave all of us an enjoyable evening.

C. Dawson.

Public Exams

Public examinations are now well in progress. The whole of the month of June will be taken up with written exams. All candidates on arrival for their exams should check the daily time table in the main foyer of the school. Morning sessions start at 9.00am. and afternoon sessions start at 1.20pm.

A further reminder to parents about books. Please insist that your son returns his school books to his teachers, this applies especially to fifth year and upper sixth candidates.

Absences from exams must be covered by a medical certificate.

Notification of results will only be posted if a stamped addressed envelope is left in the school office.

R S A/Link Courses for Next Year's 5th.

A very well attended meeting took place at school earlier on this term to inform parents of a number of 4th year pupils about proposed new courses for their sons next year.

Sixteen boys have already been successful in gaining a place on the RSA course involving a link course with Brixton College of Further Education. Details about this course will be posted to parents shortly after half term.

Another group of the 4th year boys are still being considered for a different type of link course than the one offered by Brixton College. Parents will be informed by letter as soon as definite arrangements are made.

School Exams.

School exams will be held the week of the 10th June. More details will be given to your son after half-term. Please ensure that your son continues to revise in order to achieve good results.

S. Felice-Pace.

Sixth Form Social Evening

On Thursday 16th May a social evening was arranged for Clapham College Sixth Form and their guests.

As this year sees the last complete Clapham College VI form, no effort was spared to make the evening a success. Many of the Sixth Formers gave a lot of assistance in the preparation of food and drinks for the evening. Refreshments were available in the Library from 5.00pm and the hundred guests began to arrive at about 5.30. Mr. Sparks the Headmaster and Father Moth, the Sixth Form Chaplain entertained a number of sixth form tutors in the early part of the evening.

A disco started at 6.30 in the Activities Hall to be followed by the first of the bands. Our VI form band 'Quest' performed first and were greatly appreciated by the dancers and audience. More disco music gave the revellers a chance to refresh themselves in time for our staff band. This band has had various names. On this occasion they were called 'Titanic' but we were not quite sure what was going down. This band also had a tremendous reception and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The entertainments finished at 10.30 and it had been a very pleasant experience watching so many young people enjoy themselves so much.

On a personal note, I write this report with a certain amount of sadness as I have enjoyed the company of these excellent young people for many years.

Michael E. Casserly

Football Season 84/85

Another season has passed and I am pleased to report upon some remarkable successes in certain areas. The 3rd. and fourth years teams have been the most outstanding this year picking up no fewer than 6 trophies between them. The 2nd year team although not successful this year did reach one final and one semi-final.

1st year - Poor season due to lack of enthusiasm obviously affected by the number of pupils.

2nd year - Poor start but finished strongly, semi-final of South London Cup, Final of Catholic Cup.

South London Representatives - C. Clevas, P.O'Donoghue, P. Roache.

3rd.-year -Excellent season. Good cup runs in all competitions, winners of both Morden Trophy and Catholic Cup. South London Representatives -D.Treacy, P. Babb.

4th year - Most successful team this season. Good cup runs in all competitions, winners of South London Press 5-a-side, Morden Trophy, Catholic Cup, and South London Cup. South London Representatives - D. Maloney, C. Aliefteh, V. Effiom, G. Moliterno who also represented London.

5th year - Very few matches but reached semi-final of Catholic Cup.

1st XI - Poor season with few successes and seemingly little enthusiasm.

My thanks to all staff who have helped this season.

S.E. Cefai

First and Second Year

Once more the effort of the First and Second Year proved most successful. The First Year collected £742; the Second Year £786. 1SL deserve special praise for raising £530.

Every day the boys showed their generosity by contributing part of their own pocket money. Many enjoyable and profitable auctions were also held.

Once more the most successful event was the sponsored walk which was held at Battersea Park. The effort and cheerfulness of the boys even though it started to 'rainbuckets' less than a minute after we began, was heart warming. Congratulations to Patrick Roche 2LE. who completed the full 12 miles in under 3 hours.

A Decade of Success

Even though re-organisation has resulted in a reduced number of pupils another fantastic total was raised for charity - £2,750. I know that all the charities which will benefit would like to pass on to the pupils, teachers and parents and friends of the school sincere thanks for all the hard work and generosity which went into the collection.

Clapham College and St. Gerard's amalgamated and opened on the Malwood Road site 10 years ago in 1976. For many reasons the school will be fondly remembered not least for the £28,600 that has in that time been collected for charity. Let us pray for continued success at the Notre Dame Site.

Geography News.

Fieldwork will be a feature of the time table during the remainder of the summer term and especially so in the Fourth year classes where the emphasis will be on next year's exam requirements.

First and second year classes normally do fieldwork in the local area and teachers will cover environmental problems, traffic and shopping.

Third and Fourth year classes will be involved in work further afield including a farm study, a river study and rural land use in the Mole Valley and Box Hill area and a coastal study in the Seaford area..

M. Scanlon.

SUMMER UNIFORM

After half-term your son will be allowed to wear the following:

- A) Shirt: White/blue/grey.
- B) School tie.
- C) School trousers: grey.

Should your son wish to wear extra clothing he may wear:

- D) School blazer or grey pullover.

Anoraks or coloured pullovers are not acceptable as part of the school uniform and should not be worn in school.

Half Term Closure

The school closes for half term on Friday 24th May and will re-open on Monday 3rd. June.

1977 - A HUNDRED YEARS OF RECORDED
SOUND by Martyn Kelly

On 7th December 1877 Thomas Edison heard himself speak 'Mary Had a Little Lamb' on the original phonograph. The recording had been made on a sheet of tin foil wrapped around a small, hand turned cylinder.

After Edison, the next step was taken by the German Emile Berliner. In 1887 he produced the first recording on a wax disc, he called his new machine a gramophone.

Since the early days of recorded song there have been many improvements. The quality of sound given by the stereo and the quadrophonic systems would astound the early inventors. Although the recording industry has been successful for a 100 years, its importance as a major world-wide industry only came after the arrival of the rock 'n' roll revolution led by Elvis Presley and also Bill Hailey. Today in the United States there are more than 61 million record players and in Great Britain 81% of households have record players or tape recorders. It was also reported that in 1975 the world sales of records and tapes were worth £260,000 million. Most of this comes from 'pop' records.

If the amount of pop records sold was not so great there would not be such a wide range of classical music available, as the sales of pop records subsidises classical music. In fact, the last classical record to sell a million copies was the Strauss Waltzes recorded by the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra in 1939.

The recording industry is recently going through another boom, as with the death of the two greatest recording giants, Elvis and Bing, the pressing plants are having to employ more people to cope with the demand.

Although there are many people enjoying vast fortunes through the record industry, we must not forget the original inventors, Edison and Berliner, who made it all possible and there is also Charles Cros who invented the phonograph a few months before Edison, but could not afford to patent it.

FOOTBALL - THE REFEREE TRAINING COURSE

I Imagine 99% of you reading this article are followers of the greatest game around - football. You might go down to see your local team like Dundee or Liverpool (there's your first mistake). There is only one decent football team in England (and Europe) Q.P.R.

Anyway, back to the point. When you go to a football match you probably shout names at the referee because he's made a decision that you don't agree with. Why don't you think again? What if you were the referee stuck out in the middle of a football field with thousands of people telling you the marital status of your mother and father.

In this country, no referees are full professionals. If the referee is controlling top class games he is, however, amongst professionals. The F.A. have a very long drawn out procedure for picking their league referees.

First, someone, like myself for example, would enquire to the Surrey F.A. about a referee's training course. At the time there was one starting the following week at Wimbledon. So on the following Tuesday, I went to the training course. There I met the training officer for the Surrey F.A. and three other candidates.

The training officer greets everyone, and leads you on a six to eight week course, on which the rules of Association Football are explained fully to you. At the end of the course you are required to sit an examination which consists of a written paper and a verbal exam over a board with an examiner. At the test your eyesight is also tested. When I took the exam, I passed with full marks and, as some people know, I am a Surrey County Referee Grade III.

You ask the question when will be seeing him refereeing Chelsea v. Manchester United? Not for some time, since before you can referee a league game you have to be a grade I referee with a lot of experience. For example you would start by refereeing schoolboys, then Sunday matches, then old boys' matches, then on to the Southern League until you reach the F.A.'s list of about 100 referees who are able to referee your favourite teams.

If you have any questions about the rules, please ask.

D. Owens, L.6th

Orphan's collection
Starting soon!

see if we can beat last years result of £1,300.

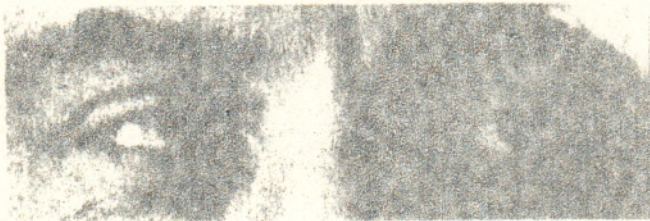
Spot the teachers' eyes competition



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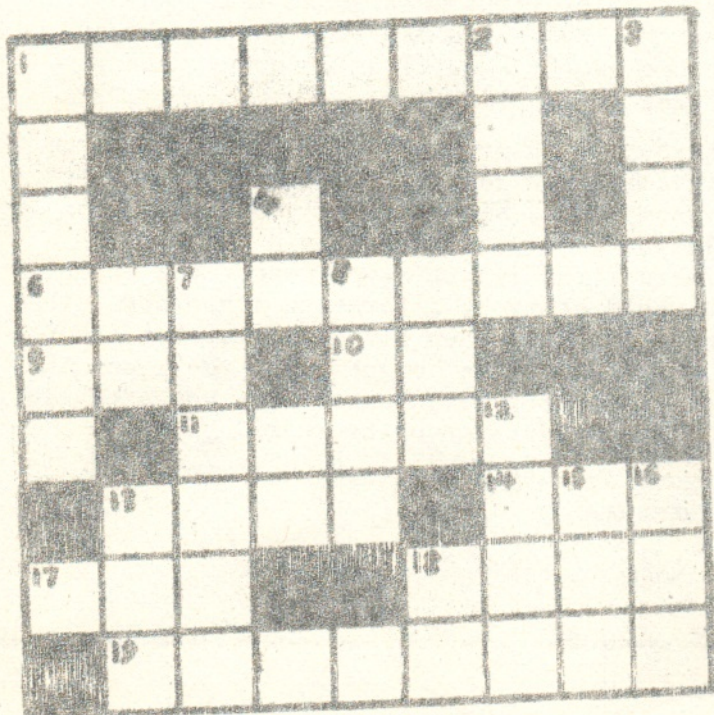


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Hand this into the editors and you may win £2 !!



CROSSWORD CLUES ACROSS

- 4 The subject of the record which has sold over 30 million copies.
- 6 Christ's birthplace.
- 9 An impolite form of here.
- 10 Always comes before words beginning with a vowel.
- 11 Birds' habitations.
- 13 Feared to be taken over by centimetres.
- 14 Part of the human body.
- 17 Three.
- 18 Clapham Common covers about five of these.
- 19 He did not do it alone, he was

CLUES DOWN

- 1 Checked
- 2 Bangers and.....
- 3 Line of junction between two edges
- 4 Exclamation.
- 5 Two varieties - either table or lawn.
- 8 Sudden movement
- 12 Initials of a republican army.
- 13 A body - usually religious.
- 15 From the verb 'to be'.
- 16 Rouge.

1977 was a better year than many for Great Britain in sport. Britain's tennis stars coming through to the forefront at last, England regaining the Ashes and an English soccer club winning the European Cup were the most successful sports stories.

Lawn Tennis

In Lawn Tennis Wimbledon, celebrating its centenary year, saw in the women's singles competition success at last for Britain's females with both Virginia Wade and Sue Barker reaching the semi final stages. An all British final was perhaps expecting too much and as it happened Virginia Wade, who had had the hardest semi final tie against Chris Evert got through to meet Betty Stove in the final. It was on that hot July afternoon in front of a packed court, its spectators including the Queen, Miss Wade beat the Dutch star, but only after losing a frightening first set to her opponent 4-6. In the men's singles final the world's two best tennis stars were to meet - Jimmy Connors of the United States and Bjorn Borg of Sweden, who had won the competition in 1976. The match, which went to five sets, twisted and turned in each player's favour, but was finally won by Borg to make it two years in succession. With a little luck one of Britain's male tennis stars may put a stop to Borg's winning ways in 1978, for later in the year John Lloyd gave the Swede an early shock in the final of another tennis tournament at Wembley. History was made at Wimbledon as two American youngsters played in the adult singles competitions. They were John McKenroe who got to the semi final stage of the men's competition and 14 year old Tracy Austin who gave Chris Evert a little shock in a match in the women's singles competition. Miss Austin didn't stop at Wimbledon, for in the United States Open Lawn Tennis Championships she beat Britain's Sue Barker.

Cricket

In February England's cricket team beat India in the final test in Madras to win the Test Series. With one test series under their belts a new confident England awaited Australia for the Summer Test series. Earlier, in March, in the Centenary Test Match in Melbourne, England had lost the Match by the same score they first went down a hundred years before by 45 runs. In the summer though England put up a magnificent show against an Australian side which was without the fast bowler, Denis Lillee and which had young inexperienced players lacking teamwork. The seemingly all round lack of enthusiasm coupled with the come back of Geoff Boycott, the Yorkshire man, helped England win back the Ashes. Boycott's comeback was a story of success with the cricketer making his hundredth century. The

The lack of enthusiasm from the Australian touring side may have been partly due to Mr. Packer, who had by this time, managed to sign many members of Australia into his 'circus'.

Rugby

In February England's Rugby team did very well by beating Scotland 26-6. With one of the strongest teams for years it was thought England would do very well in the International Championship. France though did the Grand Slam and Wales the Triple Crown. In August the touring British Lions in New Zealand were beaten by the All Blacks in the test series by three tests to one.

Motor Racing

It was Niki Lauda who led the world drivers championship table throughout the season, and although Britain's James Hunt attempted to stage a comeback after winning the British Grand Prix at Silverstone, it was never his year. At the end of October, the Austrian, Niki Lauda became the new champion, fittingly, for in the season before he had been James Hunt's only real rival for the championship.

Barry Sheene for the second season in succession won for Great Britain the Motor Cycling Championship, at the end of the season proclaiming that he would take up Formula 1 Motor Racing the following season.

Horse Racing

Horse racing once more saw its most famous horse and jockey taking the honours as Red Rum in April won the Grand National and Lester Piggott the Derby. It was announced later in the year that a scrap metal merchant had bought Aintree.

Athletics

Here saw the rise of Steve Ovett of Britain to first class status, but for Brendan Foster it was rather a bad year, for he was dropped at one time by the selectors. The giant Cuban, Juantarena, after victory in the 1976 Olympic Games, remained on his winning streak, striding ahead in all his races to victory each time.

Boxing

The expected fall of Muhammed Ali, as heavy weight world champion never came - in fact his image was strengthened by the release of his film "The Greatest". In May he defeated a Spaniard whilst later in the year Ernie Shavers attempted unsuccessfully to topple the world's greatest boxer. Joe Bugner in February was stripped of his title as was John Conteh in May, the latter for not meeting Quelo. In November two more British boxers Alan Minter and Maurice Hope won their matches to go through to battle at the world titles in their classes.

Football

In Association Football London did quite well with Chelsea and Crystal Palace getting promotion, the former doing it in style throughout the whole season with very attractive football which brought the club the capital's second largest average crowd. Crystal Palace on the other hand were more of a surprise team - it was only towards the final few weeks of the season that they managed to climb into third place of the third division and stay there until the end. Wimbledon brought more glory to London with their election to the Football League. All was spoilt though with Tottenham Hotspur's tumble into division two. Apart from promotion no other honours came south - in fact it looked as though Liverpool would "gobble" them all up.

It was indeed Liverpool's year. Kevin Keegan in his final season for the club helped them to a position in which three titles were within reach - the league championship, FA Cup and European Cup. It was the League championship that disappeared first and next in line was the F.A. Cup. This was perhaps the hardest of all three to gain. Under Tommy Docherty, Manchester United had been to Wembley in 1976 only to be beaten by Southampton - they then had something to prove. Liverpool were going for a treble that had never before been accomplished and therefore also had something to prove. Liverpool and Manchester United had, for years, attracted the largest crowds at home and away. For these reasons the stage was set for a Final of Finals. Martin Buchan, the United Captain reckoned Liverpool's treble would not include the F.A. Cup but Emyln Hughes had different ideas. As the match got under way it was clear that both clubs were on form and as it developed, both teams had their moments. It was Manchester United though who finally broke the deadlock. Seconds later Liverpool had equalised and the deadlock looked like persisting. The standard of football from both sides after the equaliser could have led to either team taking the lead and it was Manchester United who got the vital goal. Liverpool were not going to go down without fighting though and for the last ten minutes attacked incessantly. Their luck had deserted them and they had failed in their bid to do the 'Treble'. They could certainly do the double though and a few days later took the field in Rome for the European Cup Final against Borussia Munchengladback. For once the Italians saw in their own country how great English football still was, as Liverpool, like an express train, roared to a 3-1 victory.

Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and Eire all had realistic chances of reaching the finals, but only Scotland were victorious in their cause. It was their year - winning the British Championship and for the second consecutive time gaining a place in Argentina. Their glory came on the same night that England scored just two goals against Luxembourg.

1978 promises to be a better year

British sport. Scotland could well win the World Cup, Sue Barker and John Lloyd - Wimbledon, James Hunt the World Drivers Championship, England's rugby team perhaps the Grand Slam and Liverpool.....?

Nationally, English football was in a poor state. By the beginning of 1977 the press had already written off England for Argentina after their defeat in Rome and it became apparent that only a higher goal difference than Italy would guarantee England a place in the World Cup Finals unless, of course, Finland or Luxembourg managed to draw or beat the Italians. By November the situation looked hopeless for England. With two poor performances - against Finland at home and Luxembourg away, England could only hope to restore a little national pride against Italy in the return match at Wembley. Under a new manager England played their best match for years beating Italy by two goals to nil. England's final hope rested on the outcome of Italy's home match against Luxembourg - the latter, to see England through, would have to draw with Italy. Luxembourg proved quite incapable of drawing with Italy and the fight between England and Italy was finally finished. Italy had won. The final position in that qualifying group though, looked ridiculous. Italy had qualified to play in the final stages of the World Cup by scoring three goals more than England!



**KEVIN KEEGAN
who helped Liverpool
to win three trophies!**



L. Barnes 2⁵⁰