



Concordia



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The Chairman's Lunch 2015 - It just gets better and better each year

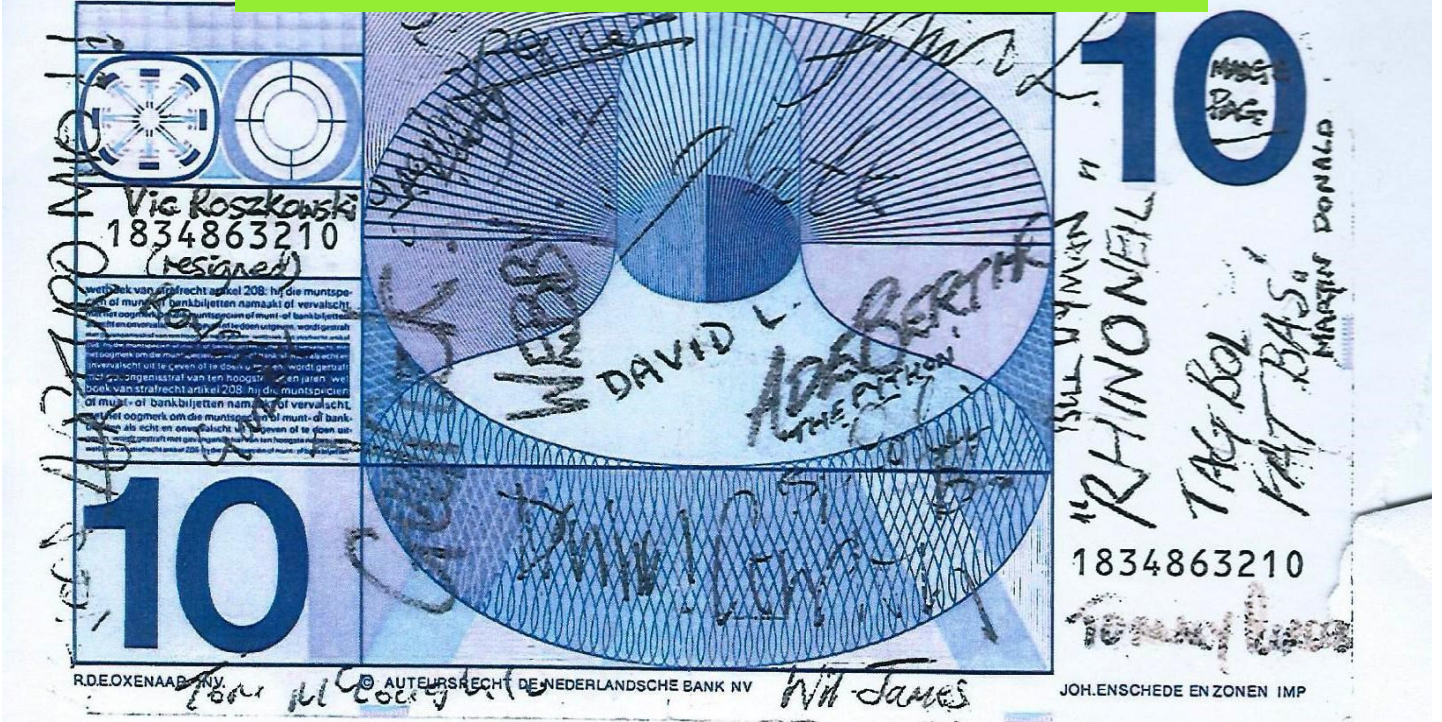


60 years ago this group of young lads from Clapham, the Elephant, Streatham and Balham walked down from Clapham South Underground Station to begin their Clapham "journey" - sixty years later they are still "en-route" - a little thinner and greyer.



The Class of 1954

Clapham Old Xaverian Tour Memorabilia



These bank notes followed a tradition on **COXA Football Tours**. I'd be more than delighted to add one from the **2015 COXA Tour to Belgium** [with a blow by blow account]. Comments on these two notes [& the Tours] would be appreciated [Ed]

Old faded footie photo to end with - in true COXA fashion the photographer missed the "kneelers" in the front row



Tim Kelly

Col Garvey

Dave Burnham

Wilson Bowers

Mick McGrath

Brian Baker [RIP]

Alan Fulker

Clapham Old Xaverians Chairman's Report

Fellow Old Xaverians, it seems like only yesterday that I was nursing an enormous head-ache and financial hangover, following another remarkable renewal of the annual Chairman's Lunch. Did you experience some of the things I felt? The afternoon and evening was akin to Speed Dating (no, I haven't actually done that either), but with +/- 240 people there, the chances of speaking at length, to as many friends as possible in the allotted 7 hours (Lunch??), were slim.



I know of a few men who "had a pint" with (then they named two dozen men), and were so happy to be re-acquainted. Even Wilson Bowers would be able to tell you that this would equate to at least 2 gallons of beer. Well yes, Wilson, and that's how much they did have. The sight of MOBAC (Mick O'Brien to use his given name), pole-axing himself in the Hanover, and attempting to get up to soon, (Spinks v Tyson came to mind), kind-of proves my point. Kevin McKenna and Mick McLoughlin (our latest "NEW" Life Member of the OX, by the way), arguing, terminally, about the best way home at 9pm proves that the "debating and curious nature of the Clapham Boy is undiminished. LV and Tom Purcell visiting dignitaries from the colonies were in spectacular form before, during, and after lunch, carrying that mood through to Stamford Bridge the next day for Chelsea v City. (There were "other fallers", I am given to understand.) A great Lunch.

In other news, Brother Peter Campbell is in the later stages of transferring funds to enable COXA to promise respectful up-keep of the Mayfield Cemetery for the foreseeable future. Mick O'Sullivan's role in this process has been invaluable, as has the work, in correspondence from Eddie. Since last we went to print, Colin Luke was memorialised at the College Chapel. A small but excellent affair which prompted the question, "Why have we not done this before/more often?" A touching memorial to a much loved OX and good words from, among others, Tony Amura. This, it would seem, "is what we do", and it's marvellous.

Senior Committee members recently took to wondering whether we might be making donations to Charity, as was once the norm. I'm indebted to Ted Hayter for keeping the Committee apprised of their responsibilities in this area, and (small) cheques will be on their way to CAFOD and Medecins San Frontieres (no Pettley, that's not Stuart Hall), in the near future.

Please keep an eye on the Website for Social Functions; an almost-certainty will be a summer visit to Lingfield Evening Races (probably following a {yet to be arranged} visit to [John] Jake Ritchins' very lovely garden). Another World War (not sure which one) trip will happen in the early Autumn. No pressure; come, don't come, it's actually brilliant. Mick and Bina McLoughlin will organise it; they are the best.

Lastly, a thought for Cecil; the great man is now settled in a Chiswick care home which it would appear is the best place for him. If you wish to visit him, a phone call to Scotty would be a really good idea, for advice on getting to see him, and preparation for a conversation with one of our finest masters, who these days is not at the top of his game.

I hope Lent has gone well (I gave up hope), and Happy Easter.



Linfield Park Racing on Sat 27th June is what they call a "Hooves and Grooves" Event. Racing starts around **6pm**, with **seven races** then **Music** after racing has finished, The entrance cost is in the region of **£20**, with the opportunity to book tables for set meals. We'd have to book as a **group at the start of May** if we are to get a **group discount booking**. Email me **dmacdon-ald441@virginmedia.com**

David's Speech – notes January 2015 - or.....I too had an Uncle who pretended to be my Father!

I tried to get this speech off-pat by memory, but my facilities failed me, and I've had to scabble around for pen and paper to make notes - "Stationary" at the Underground

Welcome to 228 of you.

Welcome Alan Webber, who has done as much for this Club as any of us. Sitting, smoking a pipe after some Norbury maintenance on a 70s summer afternoon, a propos nothing at all, Al once said, "when I die... I'm going to have my tongue cut out and beaten into a ladies' bicycle saddle". It remains the funniest, filthiest thing I've ever heard.

Welcome Ben Benedict, saviour of Cricket team and Club, on a soup and beer diet.

Welcome travellers from afar, South Africa, USA, Canada and many European bases.

Welcome beer barrel sponsors, especially the anonymous ones, who know who they are, and who will have been drinking heartily to the memory of diverse pals, absent or dead.

Welcome Adie De Coursey, says you've got a "nut allergy". You're sitting at the wrong table!

Welcome, Maggie Mansfield... and all the ladies - glamour at the Lunch – at last!

Welcome Eddie and Mick, our leaders, have done us proud today.

Among 228 of you, there are **44 diners** who paid for the Lunch after the 19th Jan deadline. Even if you bought the Gov't s latest Bond at 4%, you've made 4 pence interest. Come on!!

There are 10 Standing Order members 6 of those still at **£5.00 pa**—come on change that SO!

7 members who paid "cash" this year, but only £10.00 - **were you hoping to die**, thus saving the expense of that Life Membership?

14 of whom we have "**no details**" – really? What are you, IS?? Al Qaeda?? Send to Scotty

30 Non Members – are you a non-member? Why would you do that?

Two Salesians (Al Qaeda de nos jours, I reckon)

130 Life Members – Smug, aren't you, and quite right too – another 170 are not with us today.

Concordia – it's a triumph, isn't it? and this year's efforts the greatest of all (barring perhaps "**The Victory Edition**" of 1945) If you haven't seen it, see it—it's a historical and literary masterpiece!

Since we last dined..... September saw the revival of The **Mayfield Picnic**; though light-hearted, and drunken (Mick McLoughlin), it also had long moments of reflection in the **Cemetery**, where our Xaverian Brothers lie, and also where **Frankie Currie** is buried. **Brother Peter Campbell** from Kentucky, who saw, at the cemetery, the work that the Association has done to bring it to a condition of which we can be proud, has agreed to assist our efforts, financially. The future of their resting place is assured for at least 10 years, probably 20.

In **October, 28 of us went to the Somme**. COXA at its best, and our tour leaders once again excelled, in particular, **Mick McLoughlin, Bina McLoughlin** and Scotty Macdonald. We visited the final (and awful) resting places of 9 of the men on the 1914-18 Roll of Honour that is in our Chapel at Clapham. Those resting places today being beautiful and serene.

November; the Remembrance Mass. Over 100 people attended. I think it was possibly our best event ever, as an Association (I recognise the debateable nature of that comment). Certainly it was an event for which we should all be most proud. The School Chapel was beautiful, and decorated by Claire, the School Chaplain. Standing room only and singing of the finest order. Father Vlad's words were inspirational.

I'm bound to miss some, so this isn't nearly an exhaustive list...**Seamus**; I have to mention him, although I don't have the words to do him justice. **Father Anthony Richins** His legacy, if you don't know it, is one to be proud of, and you'll read of it in **Concordia**. **Colin Luke, Michael Aldridge, John Keen, John Keenan**, [former Chairman of COXA] and a former Captain 1st XI. **Tim Kelly**, mentioned with much love and respect at a 300-person Insurance Market Lunch.

David's Chairman's Speech—continued.....

Cecil is happily still with us; an inspiration to me personally, which is something, given he did not and does not, nor ever did like me very much.. Physically fit, and if you think to visit him, in **Chiswick**, then everything you learned at our school and since has done you good service. [contact Scotty]

At the **Remembrance Mass**, **Brian's** well-chosen bidding prayers included a reminder of who and what we are – a **Religious, Social and Sporting Association**. Those things that bind us should not be given up lightly.

Sport, though, is a battle, and we are lucky to have the people in place who are up to the task, which is so much harder in 2015 than it ever was “back in the day”.

There is the indefatigable work of **Michael Garvey**. Without him, we would already have lost our football club. It's time to thank him, and allow him to focus his considerable talent and selflessness on family life and his career.

The new **Football Captain**, **Connor Rooney** has put the section into an operating profit, with the able assistance of **Nick Armitage (Giggys!)**, and the four teams are doing OK.

Cricket, **Matt Benedict's** good work sees improved finances and stability. Well done lads.

Alfredo Stefano, arguably the world's greatest club footballer died on 7 July 2014...I was talking to **Brian Sanders** about his passing, and he said that **Millwall fans** held a minute's violence in his honour.

Aidan Coletta wants me to mention that this year's **COXA Golf Tournament, at Surrey Downs Golf Club**, will be **Friday 19th June**.

To the officers of our Committee; thank you for your efforts. We were lost without **Seamus, and Mick O'Sullivan** has stepped up to the mark and transformed our finance management.

Without **Brendan Williams, Spencer, Spanky and Brendan Walsh**, the Committee would be merely an executive. Without **Joe Benedict & Bob Morris**, the Committee and the Club, would be in a tent, or worse.

Thanks to **Alec Morrish** for his years of sterling work as Membership Sec. His inability to attend lunch last year meant that we could not express our thanks personally. I want to remedy that today.

Frank Barretta not only dragged us out of the 20th Century as our **Webmaster**, but he also drags us right back again with his fantastic cuff-links.

Colin, Deputy Chairman (and Voice of Reason), he does so much more behind the scenes.

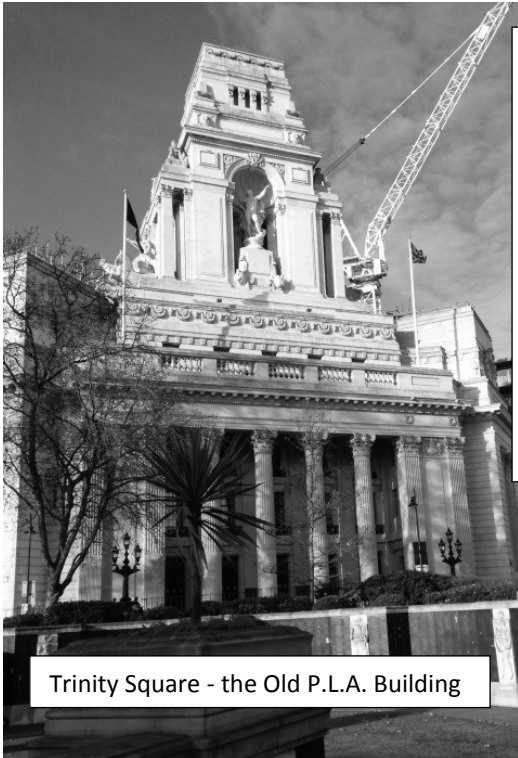
Eddie O'Brien and Mick Power are the reasons you are here.

I will end my Speech with the **WW I Hospital story of the “wire brush”**

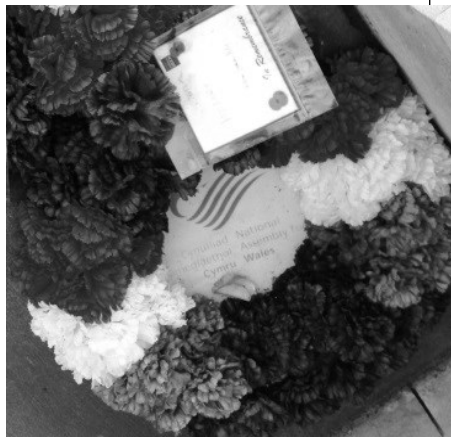
Brendan Williams will now do what we love him best for.... “**Heads and Tails**”



Clapham Old Xaverians Tower Hill - Merchant Navy Memorial



Trinity Square - the Old P.L.A. Building



A Merchant Seaman's Wreath

The Editor recently visited two of our WWII Roll of Honour heroes. Their resting places are in the seas around our island, they were bringing food & supplies when their ships were sunk, but they are commemorated under their stricken ship's

Each sailor lost at sea has had his name engraved on a simple metal plate – under the name of his ship. Each is remembered alongside the rest of their crew. The Clapham boys are found on **Panels 6 and 55**



Tower Memorial for the Merchant Navy Dead

COXA Merchant Seaman

Charles Tinniswood died on the "Almeda Star".

Basil Thew was killed on the **Harpalyce**
[out of the Port of London]

These two Old Xaverians are commemorated in the City of London - a stones-throw from the Tower of London

More on these two Xaverians heroes on **Page 5**



Merchant Navy convoys successfully imported supplies to support the Allied Victory.



The Almeda Star - Charles Tinniswood's ship

Almeda Star was one of the Blue Star Line; a 3,442 ton Cargo Steamer, built in 1921 sunk by German U-boat U-96 skippered by Heinrich Lehmann-Willenbrock. She was sunk at 58° 16'N, 13° 40'W - Grid AM 1832 – off **Rockall** in the Irish Sea, with all 360 on-board; no survivors. Route- Liverpool - Trinidad - Buenos Aires carrying general cargo and 140 airmen of the Fleet Air Arm en-route to Trinidad in the West Indies for training. **Charles** was at **Clapham College in 1897** and was one of the oldest on our Rolls of Honour [died age 56] **May he RIP**

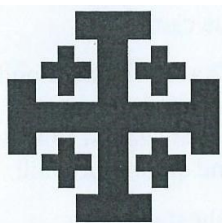
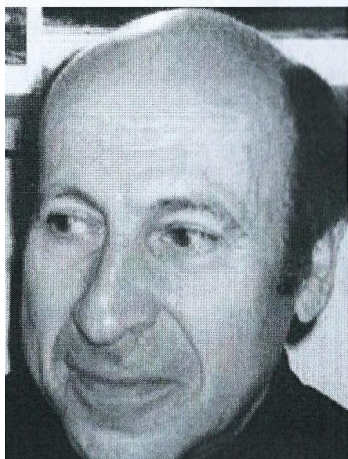


The Harpalyce—where 18 year old Basil Thew was the telegraphist.

Between 23.50 and 23.56 hours on 25 Aug 1940, German U-Boat U-124 fired four single torpedoes at four ships in the convoy HX-65A 23 miles north of Butt of Lewis, Hebrides, sinking three. The **Harpalyce** was the ship of the convoy commodore (Vice-Admiral B.G. Washington, CMG, DSO, RNR (Rtd)) and sank by the stern with a list to port within one minute after being hit by one torpedo, leaving the crew no time to launch the lifeboats. The master, the commodore, four naval staff members, 34 crew members and two gunners were lost. **Basil Thew a Clapham Old Xaverian [born in Streatham] who was at the College from 1933/38 was one of the crew.** Basil had trained to work as a telegraphist [gained Grade A] and was on the Harpalyce for only a few days before his death. R.I.P.

Fr Anthony Richins RIP – [29th April 1932 to 6th January 2015]

53 years as a priest



CLAPHAM COLLEGE

Marian Hymn

*Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae;
vita, dulcedo et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevae.
Ad te suspiramus gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia ergo, advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos
ad nos converte.
Et Iesum,
benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo Maria.*

JOHN FISHER

Father Anthony Richins passed away, after a short illness, on Saturday 3rd January, aged 82, his funeral service took place at St George's Cathedral Southwark 27th January 2015. Bishop Pat Lynch presided at the Mass. Together with Archbishop Emeritus Michael Bowen and over 40 priests of the Diocese.

[from the John Fisher School Web Page]

We were recently informed of the very sad news that a great Clapham Old Xaverian, Anthony Richins passed away on Saturday 3rd January 2015. Anthony was a loyal supporter of the Old Xaverians for more than half a century. His funeral will place at St George's Cathedral. He, and his brothers, were pupils at Clapham, he went on to support the Old Boys in many roles and regularly said Mass for us on Remembrance Sunday in the College Chapel He will be sadly missed.

Colin Garvey

Anthony Richins RIP—continued

Fr. Anthony's funeral was at St George's Cathedral Southwark, Cathedral House, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HY on Tuesday 27th January at 2pm

Anthony Richins was born in 1932, the eldest of 4 brothers - Francis, John (Jake) and Laurence followed him to Clapham College.

He was evacuated with Clapham to East Grinstead, then to Taunton . It was here that Anthony met his great friend Michael Straiton (later a doctor and a Papal Knight). In 1951 Anthony left Clapham, and read English at King's College, London, After University, he did National Service at Aldershot Barracks. Because of his degree, he was put in charge of issuing weekend passes. Naturally, Anthony granted himself a pass every weekend for 2 years !

After National Service, he joined the Seminary at Wonersh, and was ordained in 1962 (Jake remembers driving Brother Peter and Brother Sylvester down to Wonersh in an open- top sports car!) Anthony then taught English at John Fisher School, where he encouraged a young Bill Nighy to become an actor., {Best Exotic Marigold Hotel - "I and II"}

Anthony served as a priest in Beckenham Hill, Gravesend, Battersea Park, and Wandsworth East Hill. In later years he assisted his friend Father Heaphy at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Brixton.

Anthony was a scholar, specialising in the Classics, a musician (he had a 15 foot organ in his living as short Eulogy, as was Anthony's wish, he didn't want a "big fuss" made at his funeral. The Eulogy focussed on Anthony's quest, that his life was focused on his eventual target, preparing himself to enter into the House of The Lord.

John (Jake) "our" old Art teacher at Clapham in the 1960s and 1970, and our latest COXA Life Member was there; as were his brothers Francis, Laurence and their families. Bill Nighy attended as Father Anthony taught him and would have been inspirational in focusing him on an career in acting.

Old Xaverians in attendance were: Michael Straiton, Phil Roderick Jones, Colin Garvey, Kevin Bond, Alec Morrish, Ted Hayter, Brian Sanders, Mick Power, Eddie O'Brien, Tony O'Shea, Scotty Macdonald, and others too many to mention. The service, a testimony to Anthony's love of classical and organ music was followed by Refreshments in the Amigo Hall.

Anthony was a priest, but also a Classics scholar, a musician - that 15 foot organ - and a loyal supporter of the Old Xaverians, a truly sad loss - **Colin**



Below is the painting on the Remembrance Card commemorating Anthony's 50 Years as a priest





“The Last Post” - SFX



In the week leading up to Armistice Day SFX student Samuel Obikoya approached the Chaplain with an admirable request, he wanted to honour the fallen by playing on his trumpet at 11am .

Samuel wanted to play the *Last Post*, that haunting tune that traditionally accompanies the burial of soldiers and is heard every evening at Ypres Menin Gate. As this year marks the Centenary of World War One, it seemed like a fitting testimony, especially to the 64 plus ex-students of Clapham College (now known to us as St Francis Xavier College) whose names are listed on the College Chapel’s memorial board.

However, in spite of best efforts, lack of opportunity to rehearse meant that although close to perfection Sam’s rendition of such an important tune for such an important moment wasn’t quite right; the tough decision was made by the Chaplain that it was best he didn’t play his trumpet that day in the College. Sam however was privately undeterred. So determined to honour the war dead he decided to find another way. So whilst the College paid their respects during a minute’s silence, Sam took his trumpet onto the street and at 11am played the *Last Post* on Clapham Common South Side. There he held the respectful attention of passers-by and mesmerized the children of *Nightingales Nursery* who peered through their windows to see and hear Sam play. So transfixed were they that when Sam had finished the children asked the nursery staff if he could play for them again. But by then Sam had moved off, unaware of the affect his *Last Post* had on others. Unaware too that news of his tribute would travel back to College and the Chaplain.

But thanks to the nursery children’s request for Sam to play again the Chaplain did hear the news and was so moved by Sam’s ingenuity, courage, and conviction, she decided the news needed to be shared. For the Chaplain Sam’s tribute evidenced what can happen when individual goals are challenged by disappointments but resurrected by our beliefs. Sam created an opportunity to make a positive difference. A final bit of good news, Sam will get the chance to play the *Last Post* in College during the spring term when two London Tower ceramic poppies, donated by Clapham College Old Boys, will be attached alongside our Chapel memorial in a service at SFX. **C.Colleran**



Clare Colleran in conversation with Mon. Vlad Feldzmann at the Remembrance Mass

Matthew	Murphy
John	Pettley
Denzil	Mascarenhas
Paul F	McCarthy
John	McGowan
Martin	McGrath
Will	McGrath
Len	Powell
Harry	Mellor
Henry	Pinsent
Mick	O'Flynn
Will	Pepper
Brian P	White
Michael	O'Sullivan
Mick	Meade
Chris	Megoran
Gerry	Morrison
Bernard	Plummer OBE
Peter	Kelleher
Peter	Pozzoni
Jan	Luba Q.C.
Terry	Leon
Phil	Leeder
David	Rowles
John	Rudd
Sean	O'Connell
Ron	Kirby
Dennis	Quin
Peter	Keenan
Peter	Keen
Tim	Higgins
D A	Hicks
Tom	Ennis
Martin	Fowler
B E	Lawrence
John	Nash
Peter	Serafinowicz
Joseph	Mansi

Current Membership as of 1st April 2015	
The next 3 pages contain the names is of every current COXA Member; would members please check their name is included. These names and details are on the COXA Database. Excuse format.	
Anthony A	Griffin
Jim	Thornton
Simon	Aylwin
Steve	Routledge
Richard	Mcintosh
Gabriel	Aylwin
Raja	Iqbal
Irfan	Usman
Ganesh	Holla
Derek	Mensah
Richard	Williams
Matthew	Cefai
Joff	Outlaw
Chris	McLoughlin
Michael	Macdonald
K	Kotowski
A	Hewlett
J	Andrews
B	Youchev
D	Steer
H	Brunyee
F	Filipov
Bob	Morris
F	Freeman
J	Donovan
G	Grinham
J	Willis
R	Tofield
C	Sammut
B	Snead
A	Swann
J	King
T	Druzkowski
Michael	Straiton K.C.S.G
Paul	Davis
John	Bunce
Ray [Prof]	Brookes
Paul D	Cousins
David	Walters
John	Hickey
Edmund	Hodges
Jim(Thomas)	Kirby
Kevin	Bond
John	Brandon
Peter	Kirby
Denis	Seradi
Tony	O'Flynn
Bernie	Borland
Alan	Keating
Dave	Worely

Brendan	Kearns
Eamon	Kearns
Frank	Jordan
Robert	Maxwell
Paul A	Meggyesi
Anthony J	Frost
Rob E	O'Brien
Peter	Doran
Paul	Carter
Gerard	Connor
Mark A	Conneely
John	Ryan
Scotty	Macdonald

Mick	Magee
Edward	Madden
Andrew	Sanders

Tom	Judge
Michael	Gorman
Hugh	Ryan
Brian	Casey
Bernard	Fincham
Edwin C	Entecott
John	Wentworth
Joseph	Modro
Gary	McGuire
Dorothy	Robinshaw
Paul	Williams
Alex	MacPherson
John	McGowan
John [Jake]	Richins
Michael R	Hadida
Michael	Carrucan
Larry	Davis
Joe	Williams
Terry	Cain

Michael	Barker	Ben	Benedict	R F	Westwood
Peter [Doc]	White	Tony	Cleat her	Malcolm	Corey
Eddie	O'Brien	Connor	Rooney	Robert T	Collins
Michael	Clements	Colin	Brown	Paul	Tehan
Tom	Gately	Peter	Brown	Franco	Cornelli
Dennis	Myers	John	McGuire	Ted	Corrigan
Brendan	Walsh	Dan	Condon	Nick	Crean
Philip	Sanders	Tom	McLoughlin	Terry	Cremins
Kevin	Horkan	Tony	O'Shea	Jan	Czezowski
Maggy	Mansfield	Mick	Duffy	Lyndon	Davis
Edward	Ojak	Chris	Smith	Joe	Davorn
Mick	Gowan	Pete	Wills	Tad	Dippel
Michael	Gibbons	Mike	Collins	David	Donnelly
Alec	Morrish	Mick	Power	Tom	Tierney
Philip	Manktelow	Roy	Hartnett	Andrew	Cordani
Peter	Hounslow	Frank	Hixson	Gabriel	Fazi
Richard	Januszewski	Eric	Tope	Paul	Butler
Frank	Barretta	John	McNicholas	Frank	Burkhard
Jim M	Connor	Adie	De Coursey	Peter	Flaherty
Kevin	Curtin	Trevor	Jones	Peter	Fry
Ciro	Candida	Jimmy	McQueeney	Patrick	Furey
John F	Coll	Alan	Webber	Jim	Gallagher
Cecil	Pocock	Brendan	Williams	Philip [Pip]	Gunn
Mon Vladimir	Felzmann	John	Williams	Sean	Gavigan
Canon James	Cronin	Tom	Purcell	Tony	Gilford
Edward	Driscoll CFX	Mick	Powell	John	Gilhooly
Stella	Flannery SFX	Tim	Hixson	John	Gleeson
Frederick	Codair CFX	Matthew	Benedict	Patrick	Gooch
Rev Canon Cyril	Murtagh	Mick	Grice	Michael	Hayland
Peter	Campbell CFX	Gerard	Taggart	Bill	Haley
Rev. Laurence	Richardson	Alan	White	Richard	Harris
Richard Philip	Revell CFX	Peter	Boland	Bill	Kidd
Rev. Fr Mario	Sanderson	John Emar	Coletta	John	Freddi
Terry	Creech	John	Window	Ryszard	Hryniewicz-Sudnik
Michael	Creech	William C	Collins	Alan E	Fulker
Most Rev Peter	Smith	Francis	Browne	Mick	McLoughlin
Father Kevin	Hayden	Paul	Shimell	John	Egan
James	Boyle	Colin	Garvey	Apologies for ERRORS; the point of this list was to inform Association Members of the details I hold and to correct any mistakes—Scotty	
Brother John T	Hart cfx	Derek	Sullivan		
Michael	Garvey	Paul	Kanssen		

Michael J	Weir		Gerald C	Rowe	Ian	Hamill
Martin F	Farrell		Patrick	Burke	David	Price
David	Martin		Nino	Caraccio	Gerry	Salmon
Lorcan	Farrelly		John	Sheridan	Brian	Pryke
Pat J	Fitzgerald		Mick	Butler	Andrew S. I	Tworkowsk
Stephen	Fitzgerald		Terry	Carroll	Patrick	Ryan
Terry	Fitzgerald		Brian	Campbell	Michael	Ryan
Gerard	Fitzpatrick		Kevin	Cassandro	Kevin	Ridge
Joe	Rowe		Terry	Clegg	John	Rayer
George	Sekulla		James	Burke	John	Quirk
Jim	Howard		Aidan	Coletta	Tom	O'Dee
Tony	Jimenez		Lynn	Carpenter	Tony	Sanchez
Graham	Hudson		Kevin	Clouther	Kevin	Barnaville
Kevin	Williamson		Rich	Clark	Paul	West
Peter	Hurst		Michael	Burke	John	Mansi
Derek J	Penfold		Charles	Wright	Lawrence	Mullane
Ben	Schwenk		Len	Luckhurst	David	Sanders
Philip	Schwenk		Arthur	Williams	Vic	Roszkowski
Chris	Scott		Nick	Lynch	John F	Jones
John	Henderson		Richard	Mills	Brian	Sanders
Bernard E	Farrell		Tony	Gray	Guy	Sheppard
Michael	Scott		Joseph	Benedict	Kevin	Appleford
Barry	James		Spencer	McGuire	Ted	Hayter
Briony	Horkan		Terence	Boylan	Paul	Barber
David A	Murtagh		Charlie	Efford	Robert	Brookes
Hugh	Hickland		David W	Nathan	Wilson	Bowers
Laurence	Milligan		Anthony J	Morrish	Paul	Hixson
Brendan	Milligan		David	Callinan	Paul	Barretta
David	Mellor		John	Boyd	Phil	Roderick-Jones
Bryan	Menezes		Andy	Brannon	Philip	Barrington
David	Miles		Jim	Chambers	Richard	Benson
Julian	Minghi		Louis	Henderson	Terence	Boley
Robert	Murphy		Ian	McCann	Peter	Bothrone
Ken	Mitchell		Rob	James	John	Leathem
John	Murtagh		Mike	Walsh	David	Leathem
Matthew	Murtagh		Tony	Amura	Jean	Bouchard
Michael	Nicholls [Doctor]		Patrick[Paddy]	Butler	Martin	Boyd
Mick	O'Mara		Michael	Piesse	Mike	Brien
John	Norton		John	Taggart	Brian, Ford	Baldock CBE
John	Noulton		Richard	Lucas	Richard	Mills

I've been asked to add a little detail about the WWI "new" Roll of Honour in the College Chapel

There has been a WW II Roll of Honour on the Chapel Wall since the 1980s, but recent research has led to another three names being added to it in 2014.

This research also uncovered 52 boys who served and died in the 1st World War and their names were added to a new Roll of Honour and it was placed beside the WW II board and consecrated on Remembrance Sunday 2014.

These Rolls of Honour will NEVER be complete lists as the College lost track of many of the boys and why should every family who lost a loved one's contact his old school. The fact that so many did was a testimony to their Faith and their respect for their time at the College.

The research too was always going to produce an incomplete list. Although the Armed Forces Websites say they hold over six million soldiers records [the majority of which had died], they admit to having incomplete lists. The **"unknown soldier"** is always there. In this 100th Anniversary Year of WWI we have already unearthed another 15 WWI and 4 WWII boys to add to the lists - [I shall personally NOT be looking for anymore] but if a relation comes forward -we will have to.

Statistically the numbers are stunning; the average age of death was 23 years old. As the College only opened in 1897 only about 600 boys would have been old enough to have served. Many of those would have joined in 1917/1918 as they were not old enough at the outbreak of the War in 1914. Of the 600, almost half were foreign students and borders [South Americans and Europeans mainly] and did not serve in WWI. Of the remaining 300; we have traced 176 that served in the Forces during WWI [95% in the Army] – about 75% were "privates". One third of those who left Clapham for France & Belgium never returned – a huge loss; again the majority "fell" in Ypres [Belgium] & The Somme. Seven were pilots – three of this small band were "Killed in Action". Large numbers were encouraged to join "Pals Regiments"; groups who joined the War Effort together and served in the same Regiments. Clapham boys mainly joined the London Rifles and the East Surrey Regiment – tragically many died together too. We have records of six wounded who died at home – some as late as 1919/20 – but no details of wounded numbers. Many Old Boys emigrated to Canada, South Africa, Australia and USA before War broke out looking for a new life and possibly missed the conflict.

Marius Vos was a Jewish border at the College who joined Navy – he wasn't accepted in Army [he had been a Travel Agent with Thomas Cook in 1910]. He was one of a number of Jews at the College [from wealthy families]. Another two were **Sydney Blumenthal and Malcolm Gross** both in the Labour Corps [conscientious objectors] but who worked as non combatants in War Zone. **Otto Levey, was** another Jewish Old Boy, who, with his classmates joined a London fighting regiment

Flanders [our] Magnificent Seven– Whom the Old Boys visited in Oct 2014 – all died within a few miles of each other [on the Somme] they have no gravestones: their names etched on Thiepval Memorial,

Name	At Clapham	d.o.b.	Address	Aged
Davey, Bernard	1907-1908	03.05.1897	Manchuria Road	19
Wilkinson, Ambrose Joe	1889-1908	27.08.1892	Honeywell Road	25
Brady, Gerald	1900-1904	14.09.1890	Franciscan Road	27
Brett, Leonard Gloyn	1905-1906	05.08.1889	Deauville Road	27
Broad, Frederic	1899-1901	05.01.1884	Anerley Road, Crystal Palace	22
Bulbeck, Henry Edmund	1905-1908	22.05.1894	Orlando Road SW	22
Rice, John	Started 1902	31.05.1894	Broxash Rd, Clapham	23

Six Old Boys died in the mining area of Bethune 30 miles East of Calais – another 14 are buried in eight cemeteries around Boulogne & Calais.

Alphonse Fockeu, born 19.07.1882 [Home Address 10, Rue Molitor, Paris]. Alphonse was one of the first boys at Clapham, joining in 1899. He was the only foreign border I traced who enlisted in his own country's Army to fight in WWI, [there must have been many more]. He joined the Army as a Private and was listed as Killed by Enemy 17/08/1917 in his beloved France. **RIP Alphonse-Scotty**



COXA ONLINE THE CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS WEBSITE FRANK BARRETTA

For those out there who are not computer literate [and I just mean who don't have the **INTERNET!**] if you **DO NOT LOG ON TO THE COXA Website** you are really missing out.

The Website is in the capable hands of the Webmaster Frank Barretta who after a successful period at Clapham [he lived just off the Common] moved on to 1st XI Goalkeeper where he kept all at bay for over a decade. He was also our volunteer grounds-man with Alan Webber who kept the Norbury pitch playable for another decade. His sporting and labouring days are over and now Frank spends many hours each month adding letters, stories, photographs, videos and events onto the Old Xaverian Website. It is a triumph! Anybody can access the Website at <http://www.claphamoldxaverians.co.uk>

You will not be able to open or access all the areas unless you have registered on the Website. Please register for full access by using the link below or going to the Home page, Top right hand corner, 'Join Website'. [Registration Link](#)

Once registered on the website you will now have unrestricted access to all the 'easy use' links set out below. If you still find you are having trouble, please contact me and I will endeavour to help you (please include your full email address) Frank@dewolfemusic.co.uk

There are currently **352 registered supporters** on the Clapham Old Xaverian Website and whilst many are based here in the United Kingdom, there are many regular visitors from Ireland, Italy, Spain, Canada, South Africa, USA and Brazil.

These people have joined the website in the last few months:

Thomas Proxa, Alan Shea, Aidan Downing, Noel Cox, Robert Brooks, Paul Grady, Richard Mills, John Egan, Claudio Corradi, Mike Collins, Maggy Mansfield, John McNicholas, Frank Davis, Andy Davies, Michael Magee, Bill Haley, Tony Minvielle, Brendan Costello, Charles Efford, Rick Kuczera, Terry Boylan, Annemarie Emerson, Christopher Megoran, Gerald Colan-O'Leary, Hugh Ryan, Jason Slaytor, Joe Benedict, Aidan Flood, Terry Cremins.

A few facts & figures

Since its launch back in June 2012 up to March 2015 the site has had: **109,841 Hits** (general visits to the Home Page but no further), **49,073 Sessions** (once on the Home Page, further pages are opened), **4 minutes 38 seconds** (the **average Session time** spent on the site). There are currently **1,233 photos** and **19 videos**, with the video Speech-**Colin Garvey on Ex-Chairman** Bren & Phil Roderick-Jones being viewed **NEARLY 3,000 times**, it's a classic!

Frank Barretta

PLEASE visit the Website and add you own comments and pictures [Ed]

Peter Campbell CFX and Mayfield

Peter Campbell – Xaverian Brother Sept 2014

Greetings to you and the Old Clapham Boys from Louisville, KY - first site of Xaverian presence in the United States. Since September I have been assigned to Louisville as the director of Ryken House - one of the two Xaverian retirement houses in the US. I also remain as Treasurer and want to continue to work with you on the Mayfield cemetery project.

Since our last communications I have closed down the UK Xaverian Charity and transferred any remaining bank funds to the brothers' US bank account. We are holding the UK funds to cover any expenses you have from your Mayfield efforts. I have been wondering if you and your group have been able to make any progress on the cemetery project. There is no rush and I am not putting pressure on you to meet some deadline. I have been asked for an update and want to report back to our council as to what I am doing on any open projects. When you have a chance maybe you can send a brief update. Also, I want to indicate that I plan to be in London in October if that is of any value. I have other business in other locations but am in London of Oct 13-14 and Oct. 19 and 20. There is no need to plan anything or wait on the Mayfield project for me, but if I can help, I am available on those days. I hope you are well. Best wishes. Bro. Peter Campbell



Peter made it to England in October 2014 where he met with the Committee at Mayfield to discuss the future of the Cemetery - here we all are at Francis Currie's grave





Peter with the Old Xaverians at Mayfield

The Association now has a bank account in place for the sole purpose of administrating the Mayfield Cemetery finances. Our treasurer Mick O' Sullivan has shown great patience and guile in dealing with HSBC. Mindful of money laundering, poor banking practices and other nefarious dealings which banks become very jittery with we have finally opened an account.

At the Chairman's Lunch last January I was asked by several old boys, who expressed an intention of making donations to the brother's cemetery, what are the bank details. Now I can advise that the details are: **HSBC. Sort code 400233, account 82049546**

At the time of writing I have been in contact with John Abadom, a Mayfield Old Xaverian, who has been referred to me by Brother Peter Campbell after John had contacted the Xaverian Generalate in Baltimore. John is looking to organise fundraising events in Mayfield for the brothers some time next October. Brother Peter has suggested two areas of support - the cemetery and the Xaverian Africa Missions.

We would like to find out more about John's intentions and, if possible, perhaps we can help. I hope by the time you receive the next Concordia we will have more information to report. **David Leathem**

Later in December - More Xaverian correspondence—Dear Mr. Macdonald,

Thank you very much for the Concordia. It was a great pleasure to read it. Congratulations on all the work which went into the War memorial features. My mother and nephew visited Albert and Thiepval this year in memory of my grandfather's two brothers who died on the battlefields. When I was a young brother there were still some of the province who could remember the arrival of the Belgian Brothers as refugees and the one or two who stayed on in the province after the War. Clapham and Mayfield were of course the main destinations. When the Superior General came out to the Congo in April he invited me to take a sabbatical year and so I am here in England living with my mother, near to Manchester. I shall probably end up in one of our American schools in 2015. I had a very enjoyable visit with Bro. Peter Campbell who visited England in October and he told me about the work at Mayfield. Thank you for all you have done to tend the cemetery and keep alive the memory of our Brothers. **Brother Philip CFX**

Another Xaverian Brother Fredrick Codair—a good friend of the Association [living in the USA] wrote to me last year - Scotty: Thanks for your recent email. You are right: there is a lot to digest and ponder.

First of all, I did a little search and for less than a dollar I got this address for Thomas H. Kanaly [Brother Felan, at Clapham College in the 1970s] from a website called peoplesmart.com. [We called him Henry, but it looks like he goes by Thomas now.]:

Thomas Henry Kanaly McCarthy Blvd New Bern, NC 28562-2033 ...that was the easy part.

You ask what my interest in the COXA and Clapham College., My reply is that I am interested in anything past or present connected with the Xaverian Brothers to whom I have given 61 years of my 79. Until about two years go I worked in our schools in the US and England teaching Latin, French, Religion [with a brief time as headmaster of one of our schools here]. In my later years after getting a Masters in Library and Information Sci., I worked in school libraries specializing in automation and teaching students and teachers about online databases for use in education. Now I am quite disabled by arthritis and various ailments that go with old age, but I haven't lost my interest and innate curiosity for a wide variety of topics including the history and activities of the Xaverian Brothers. So when I found that COXA had started offering photos and stories about the history of Clapham College, I joined sometime over the last year so that I could look at the various exhibits. Recently I clicked on something to which I got the reply that I had to be your "friend" in order to view whatever it was. So that's why you got my request.

About the cemetery: When I read your story of the hard work and effort your group of older men (totalling 500 years) put into the terribly neglected cemetery at Mayfield, I was shocked that things had deteriorated so far and was eager to know more. I sent the story from the website to the Superior General, Lawrence Harvey in Baltimore, along with a few photos showing the overturned crosses etc., and I also spoke with Br. Cyril, formerly headmaster at Manchester, who lives here with me in our retirement home in Danvers, Massachusetts. Cyril claimed that until recently a local man was hired to do some maintenance there, but six months ago that arrangement seemed to have stopped. He just left last Monday to go to England to visit family and friends and he planned to make a stop in Mayfield to see what is going on. Cyril celebrated his 70th year as a brother last year and is close to 90. And yet he is going out of his way to look into this situation.

I too heard from Br. John Hart, who was caretaker at our house in Twickenham for many years until age and infirmity caught up with him, that plans were in the works for a major renovation of the cemetery grounds. This was several years ago; later I learned that the plans had been scaled down, and that a less ambitious plan had been developed more recently. From what I am able to learn now [most recently from my conversation with Br. Cyril], some local board or entity has blocked the implementation of that new plan. I would suggest to you that, if this is some local political thing, maybe the influence of such a strong organization as COXA could be brought to bear to unblock the 'log jam' if that is what is holding things up.

I want to thank you and the COXA members again for your heroic work on behalf of Clapham and the Xaverian Brothers who taught there and their resting places a Mayfield. It is truly amazing that such a small school as Clapham has such a vibrant Old Boys' Association after it's closure twenty odd years ago. I'm glad too that I found your web site and appreciate all the

Thanks to Frederick for his interest - as you have read things have moved on with the Cemetery since he wrote - , however, gave me a "link" to **Brother Felan - [see page 17] - Ed**

Fredrick Codair wrote again recently - Scotty: Long time since I've been into the Clapham Web site. I've had a tough "Fall and Winter". Turning 80, as I did in March, is no fun. My mother who died at 87, 30 yrs ago always said "After 80 it's all down hill." I'm beginning to see she knew what she was talking about.

Aside from all that I have bad news about your old teacher Br. Felan, Henry Thomas Kanaly passed away in May. He would have been 87 on June 2nd 2014. I last saw him about ten years ago. He dropped by here to our school in Danvers Mass. to donate some books. I was working in the library at the time, but he didn't seem to recognize me even though I introduced myself to him. He seemed to be in a great hurry and anxious for his wife who was waiting in the car.

Interesting that your message should come this evening: I was talking with a Brother who is a missionary in Kenya and who has often passed through our house in Twickenham on his way back and forth. The Mayfield Cemetery came up and he seemed to know more than I do about the state of affairs there, but most or all of my questions went unanswered. He kept referring to some unnamed local politician, but had little else to add. All he kept saying was that "Our hands are tied." And that is what I keep getting from anyone who should know more. I'm beginning to think there is some hidden scandal like the Vatican Bank!

I don't know if you heard but there is only one English XB left: **Philip Revel** who serves in Democratic Republic of Congo Brother Cyril Birtles a former provincial and long-time headmaster at Xaverian Coll Man. died April 17 and **Bernard Philpott (Br. Sylvester)**, who taught at Clapham in the 1950's—died last Oct 31.

Please keep me in your prayers.- **Fred, cfx** [Will do Frederik—Ed]

Thomas Henry Kanaly [June 2, 1927- May 21, 2014] - known to boys and staff at the College in the early 1960s as Brother Felan. [RIP May 2014]

He was a resident of Home Place Assisted Living in New Bern, since 2013. Born in Melrose Mass. to Thomas J. Kanaly and Elizabeth Guiney Kanaly, brother to the late Marion Kanaly.

After Tom graduated Melrose High School, he entered the Navy towards the end of WWII in 1945, serving until 1947. Upon discharge he entered Fordham University, for a year then transferred to Boston College, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Arts and History.

Answering the call to the religious life Tom became a teaching Brother with the Xaverian Brothers of Belgium, from 1953 to 1976, starting his ministry in Hampton VA, to Bardstown KY, to Danvers MA., and the Bronx NY.

Doing two assignments in England for 5 years,. He taught **History at Clapham College for a year**, before returning to New Medford NJ. He loved interacting with children of all ages, High School being his favourite. Upon retiring from the Xaverian Brothers, he then taught history in the public schools in Middlesex, New Jersey.

In 1976, Bernadine Saus came into his life, they were married in 1977. Bernadine passed away in 2004.

After teaching History, he became an administrator of Vocational/Technical Schools, retiring in 1994. Tom and Bernadine moved to Fairfield Harbour in 2002, where he could play golf and cheering the Boston Red Sox.

In 2007, Tom moved to McCarthy Court in New Bern to continue the good life New Bern has to offer.

Tom is survived by his wife Nancy and their sons David and Steven and their wives. Tom was a life time member of the 4th Degree in the Knights of Columbus, both in New Jersey and St. Paul's in New Bern. A Memorial Mass was held at St. Paul's Catholic Church.



[I sent a couple of Concordias to Thomas, but I don't think he ever go to read them - Ed]

Fond Memories - Norbury Clubhouse



Dear Members, I have been asked by our esteemed editor of Concordia Scotty, to write something about the work I do around the Clubhouse. When this task [request] was given to me I thought what can I say.....(last time I miss a Committee Meeting!)

So I start this brief script with how I remember the clubhouse as a young lad spending my weekends following my father around watching him play various sports.

I have fond memories of the clubhouse standing on the sidelines, cold and wet watching the Greens. As the whistle is blown victors or not the team striding off to the showers.

For me it was the warmth of the clubhouse and a hot pasty and beans served up with a smile from Briony and a drink from the bar while I wait for dad to come out of the changing room. It is strange how I look back to that smoky, dimly lit hut with happiness because I always felt safe and welcome, listening to the scores come through on the box while the players from both teams pile into the main area to settle in for the evening. As the opposition thins out this allows the Old Boys to retrieve the green felt table from behind bar and the cards are dealt. As for me it is the only day of the week when falling asleep on the long sofa was acceptable.

On the warmer evening we would all be outside free to run and play football with no one telling us to keep off the grass. If we were really lucky Alan Webber would take us for a ride on the quad bike around the pitch at break neck speed only slowing for a drop of beer or a puff on his pipe. Ahfond memories!

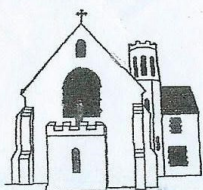
Nowadays my roll has changed I run things at the club with the help and guidance of Mick Power, Eddie O'Brien and the Committee members. With support coming from Bob Morris on most of our structural repairs. Over the last two years I have with the help of my staff been trying to bring our old wooden hut into the 21st century with a new fire alarm system and extinguishers fitted, regular gas and electricity safety checks done and all certificated. The first time in club history I think! We also carry out all daily repairs and maintenance as required for site users. The Clubhouse space and surrounding is still a great place for social events and evening use for our members. I would love to attend more band nights, quiz nights or race nights in support of this/our great club.

Joe Benedict

Older Old Xaverians



Photograph taken on Friday 31 October 2014 of (right to left) Rev Mgr Cyril Murtagh and Mr Desmond Worth by his daughter Mary (Shannon Little). The place outside Cyril's church at Liphook, Hampshire. They were both 88 years old and had been pupils of Clapham College since Age 11 in 1937 and thereafter friends for life



Parish of the Immaculate Conception
108 Headley Road
Liphook, Hants.. GU30 7PT
01428 722151 17 Jan 15

Dear Eddie, Grovelly apologise for not acknowledging your kind invitation to the lunch. At 89, I find such events very tiring, unfortunately. But the enclosed may give you a laugh! (I happened to find the board with some junk here!)

Yours sincerely
Cyril Murtagh

Happy Birthday Peter - **Peter Kelleher** Clapham College 1931 to 1936 [Charterhouse] still living in Banstead Surrey, celebrated his 94th birthday earlier this year. Putting Peter's - starting YEAR [1931] at Clapham College in perspective.....

Yellow River flood deadliest natural disaster of historic times kills 2,000,000 people in China

Japan invades Manchuria in China

U.S. National Anthem becomes The **Star Spangled Banner**

Population Great Britain 46 million

Australia Gains Independence from Great Britain

Sadler's Wells Theatre opens - **Whipsnade Zoo** opens

Winston Churchill resigns from **Stanley Baldwin's** shadow cabinet

The first **Highway Code** issued

Oswald Mosley his New Party, having resigned from the Labour Party

General Election victory **Ramsay MacDonald** - he remains Prime Minister - monarch **King**

George V. The following individuals **were born in 1931** [when Peter STARTED at Clapham

College] **Les Dawson**, comedian - **Brian Close**, cricketer - **Ally McLeod**, Scotland football

manager- **Jimmy Stewart**, racing driver - **Lonnie Donegan**, musician - **Virginia McKenna**,

actress - **Diana Dors**, actress - **Lionel Blair**, actor ... [remember **Peter was already 11 years**

Sad to Report - Peter Hairs MBE RIP [Clapham College 1924 to 1931]

Scotty, this month's Catenians' magazine, Catena, reports the death of a **Peter Hairs**, who has died aged 99. He went to the College in 1924, and left in 1931. Needless to say, he flew Hurricanes in the Second World War! He was surely our oldest Xaverian! He was mainly training pilots in Britain, Canada, etc Peter's obituary refers to him living in Poole. Eric, or Brendan, or John Rayer and myself are Catenians. John Rayer presented him with a medal not long ago !! Colin Garvey



Putting Peter's birth date into perspective - in 1916. The light switch is invented by William Newton. Remember Peter would have been born in the middle of the 1st World War - there was the famous Battle of Jutland between the British Royal Navy's Grand Fleet and the Imperial German Navy's High Seas Fleet in the North Sea, the War's only large-scale clash of battleships. The Battle of the Somme was ongoing in France. Robert Baden-Powell publishes *The Wolf Cub's Handbook* in the U.K., establishing the Wolf Cubs (modern-day Cub Scouts).

Back to Peter - he fought in the Battle of France 1940, also over the Channel Islands and the Battle of Britain throughout 1940. Flt. Lt. Peter Raymond Hairs MBE worked as a junior clerk at Barclays bank before the War, he joined the RAFVR in October 1937 as a Pilot (741206) and carried out his early flying training at Gatwick in 1939, awarded his wings, and commissioned as Pilot Officer.

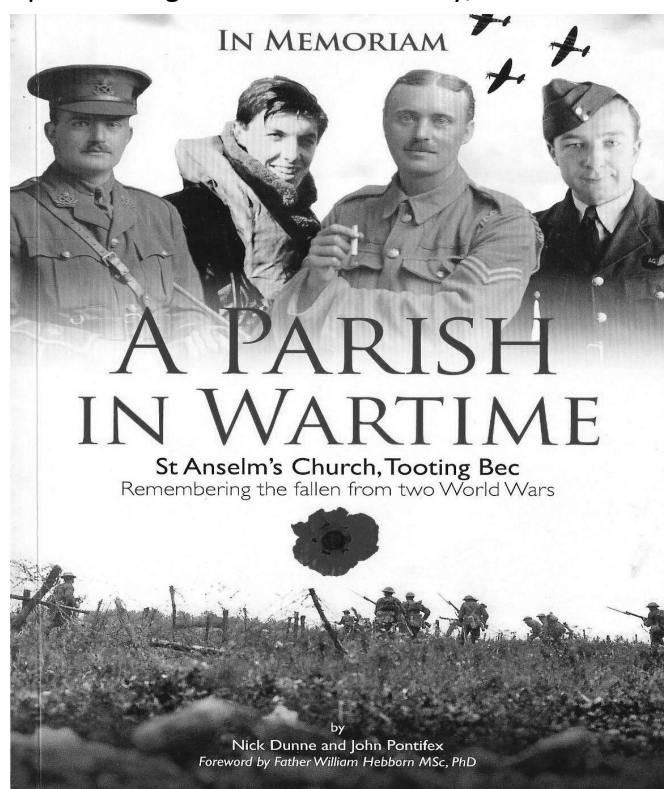
The squadron flew to France on the 10th. May to join the Advanced Air Striking Force and had their first experience of combat. On the 15th Hairs shared in probably destroying a Do 17. On the 3 June he was shot down, but fortunately not seriously hurt. On the 17 June the squadron flew to the Channel Islands from where patrols were carried out over Cherbourg to cover the evacuation of Allied troops; on the 19 June they returned to England where the squadron was re-formed and during this period Hairs destroyed Bf 109 on September 5. Hairs was posted to 15 FTS, Kidlington on October 13 1940, as a flying instructor. The later to Canada In November 1943 Hairs returned to the UK and after a short course on Spitfires joined 276 Squadron at Harrowbeer. In 1945 he was posted to RAF Kinloss - final posting was to India in 1945 Peter was released from the RAF on 30 October 1945, as a Flight Lieutenant. He received a Mention in Despatches (14.6.45) and was made an MBE (1946). He then returned to Barclays Bank retiring in 1975 on his 60th birthday.

St Anselm's, Tooting Bec - War heroes plaque - highlighted on BBC News



Recently St Anselm's in Tooting erected a plaque in commemoration of the parishioners, who died serving their country in War. The story was highlighted on BBC London News [still available to download]. Some of those on the plaque are remembered on our Chapel wall - College boys as well as parishioners. Our own Deacon Michael Carrucan, can be seen at the unveiling ceremony and Daniel Corry was one of the soldiers the programme focused on. If you look carefully at the BBC Programme you can see a Clapham College cap - together with that unique metal badge that we all loved. This was included in an exhibition of memorabilia as part of the celebration.

Until now, St Anselm's in Tooting Bec did not have any war memorials. The parish priest Father William Hebborn changed that with the help of two parishioners who were each experts in both of the World Wars. Father Hebborn and historians John Pontifex and Nick Dunne as well as Stephen Marsh, the nephew of flight officer Daniel Corry, all talk about what the plaque means to them.



John Pontifex and Nick Dunne also produced this wonderful book - on a Parish in Wartime, please contact Scotty or St Anselm's if you want a copy [less than £10.00]

There are definitely three [now four*] who definitely went to Clapham - and our own **Brian White** picked that up too - adding *Peter Keast who had an illustrious but short career* . Daniel Corry "(he) was very bright" - ("Daniel came top of his class every year until he left".) He excelled in science especially Chemistry. In due course he became Head Boy. He went up to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge where his name appears on the College memorial."

THE LUNCH 2015



Friends "re-united" at the Chairman's Lunch



"THOSE WERE THE DAYS—MY FRIENDS - we thought they'd never end"

CLAPHAM OLD AVERLIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

Team Sheet No.12. For matches to be played on
Saturday, 20th November, 1974.

1st.Xl. v Old Tenisonians Res. (League) HOME At Norbury.
K.O. 2.30 p.m.

Utting
McNicholas Power Gray Garvey
Duffy T. Fulker MacDonald
King Burnham McGuire

IMPORTANT

Will all players kindly be on time
- either at meeting places or for
kick off.

The Club is now in trouble with the
League. They will not tolerate late
starts . . . with half-complete teams.

Wilson !!

2nd.Xl. v Old Tollingtonians Res. (LOB Cup AWAY At Chase Lodge
Playing Fields, Page
DIRECTIONS: Meet Oval Station, replay) Street, Mill Hill.
12.30 p.m. SHARP. (Tel.: 959 7088)
K.O. 2.15 p.m.

Boyd
Casserly Mansi Baker Powell
Bowers Coletta Duffy M.
Hixson P. Roszkowski V. Hixson F.

3rd.Xl. v Old Suttonians 1V. (League) HOME At Norbury.
K.O. 2.30 p.m.

Kelly
Cleather Price Rayer Smullen
Smallcombe Crowley Murphy J.
Wills Brown Larkin

IF UNABLE TO PLAY, PLEASE PHONE IMMEDIATELY:

1st.Xl. - Wilson Bowers - 828 6013
2nd.Xl. - Tony Cleather - 679 0257
3rd.Xl. - Brian Sanders - 639 4430

Last Saturday's RESULTS:

1st.Xl. v Old Langleyans. (LOB Cup). Away. Drawn 1-1 (after extra
time.) Fulker.
(Replay scheduled for 4th December).
2nd.Xl. v Old Tollingtonians Res. (LOB Cup). Home. Drawn 3-3 (after
extra time.) Mansi,
Hixson P. 2.
3rd.Xl. v Old Strandians 111. (LOB Cup). Away. Won 4-2 (after extra
time.) Larkin 3, Brown.

SUBSTITUTES will be allowed . . . but NAMES, NOW, please
for the CHRISTMAS Cricketers versus Footballers MATCH.
At Norbury - NOT on the day after Christmas Day,
but on Boxing Day, Monday, 27th December, at 11 a.m.

Many RIPs above-how many of the footballers made the 2015 Chairman's Lunch - and WHERE WERE THE OTHERS?

Apologies to **Arthur Galvin DSE Royal Navy** - another Clapham hero , on our Roll of Honour , who was at the College in 1917 and 1918 - I can't count! Due to my awful Maths, this was almost a 47 page Concordia - I was "saved" by these two Certificate of Arthur I discovered - Ed

OFFICE DUPLICATE.



By The Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade.

Certificate of Competency

AS
SECOND MATE FOR FOREIGN-GOING STEAMSHIPS ONLY.

To Arthur James Galvin,

Whereas it has been reported to us that you have been found duly qualified to fulfil the duties of Second Mate of a Foreign-going Steamship in the Merchant Service, we do hereby, in pursuance of the Merchant Shipping Acts, grant you this Certificate of Competency.

By Order of the Board of Trade,

this 19th day of September 1923

Countersigned,

J. M. H. ...

Registrar General.

C. ...

One of the
Assist. Secretaries
to the
Board of Trade.

Registered at the Office of the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen.

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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRADE, this 1st day of June 1926

Countersigned

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Registrar General

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One of the
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REGISTERED AT THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL OF SHIPPING AND SEAMEN

(20946)



SUMMARY OF CECIL POCOCK'S SPEECH AT THE OX'S DINNER : SEPTEMBER 27th.

Cecil Pocock, in his speech, began by thanking Brian Sanders, Mick Power and their committee for the wonderful work they had done in arranging the Centenary celebrations.

He had been asked to propose a toast but the question arose - to what? Clapham College no longer existed : the Brothers had not been involved with the College for over 20 years : and the OXs certainly had not been around 100 years ago! So he intended simply to invite those present to raise their glasses in thanksgiving for the College which they all had loved.

Clapham College had never pretended to be the greatest school in South London. Its exam results had only been average : it had not sent large numbers to Oxbridge : its facilities had been, frankly, sub-standard: its list of famous Old Boys, despite a couple of Bishops and a couple of MPs, was not exceptional: it probably wouldn't have fared particularly well in any Ofsted appraisal. But it has been a genuinely unique school and its uniqueness lay in the remarkable atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation which existed between students and staff and the humanity which characterised these relations. That was why so few students had left the school with chips on their shoulders and why even the 'baddies' were well represented here tonight!

He instanced Brother Joseph frying sausages for the Prefects' Christmas Party surrounded by bottles of brown and pale ale and Brother Peter allowing a member of staff time off to perform public duties way above the officially permitted 26 half-days of paid absence.

It had been fun to be at Clapham. He recalled various school events - sports at Tooting Bec, Mootspur Park and Norbury, the Carol Service, the 1st. and 2nd. Year Christmas Parties, the Easter trip to Paris and the summer camps at Foxhunt Manor and Mayfield, among others, and he gave examples of the fun and enjoyment which had characterised all these events.

Cynics might say that there was one factor common to all these activities - alcohol - and it was certainly true that most of them had ended up in the George, the Windmill or the Nightingale. But this itself simply illustrated the excellent atmosphere which permeated the College, an atmosphere fully encouraged by the Brothers. That was why tonight 200 OXs from - * - (1918 and 1921) to Philip Sanders and - Benedict had gathered to celebrate the Centenary. ✕

Sadly the Brothers had to give up the College in 1970 and he had tried to maintain that atmosphere, both in the ensuing 5 years of his Headship and in the new Clapham College which came into being in 1975.

The Brothers were the originators : the consolidators and the standard-bearers and those who had worked with them or been taught by them owed them an immense debt of gratitude.

So, tonight, we celebrated 100 years of dedicated service to Catholic education in South London. The spirits of the Brothers, from Bro. Gabriel down to Bro. Peter still, he felt, permeated the College. One day, no doubt, they would be joined by those of Maurice Gleeson, Roger Sparks and himself!

He invited all those present to rise and say 'Thank you' to Clapham College and all it had achieved.

J. M. J. X.



A. M. D. G.

CLAPHAM COLLEGE,
CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON, S. W. 4.

Report of Master W. Ahern for term ending May 1910

Class V

Regularity O.G.

Conduct E

No. of Boys in Class 68

Punctuality O.G.

Place in Class 9th

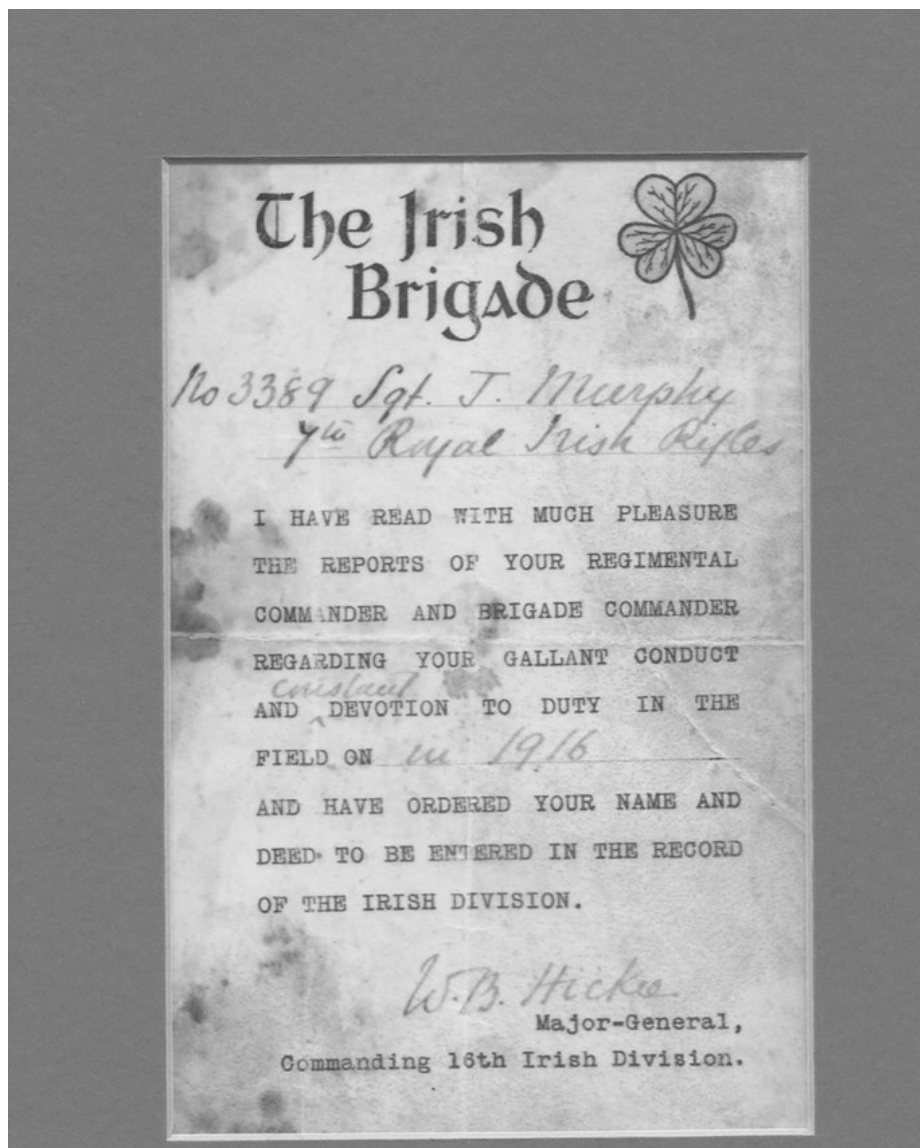
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SUBJECT.	Marks Obtained	SUBJECT.	Marks obtained
CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE	20	GEOMETRY	
HISTORY (SACRED)	25	LATIN	20
READING	25	FRENCH	10
DICTATION	20	GERMAN	
COMPOSITION	25	SPANISH	
CALIGRAPHY	25	BOOK-KEEPING	
GRAMMAR	20	SHORTHAND	
SHAKESPEARE		DRAWING	25
SPECIAL ENGLISH AUTHOR ..	25	MUSIC	
HISTORY (ENGLISH)		CHEMISTRY	
GEOGRAPHY AND MAPPING ..	10	PHYSICS	5
ARITHMETIC (PRACTICAL) ..	15	TRIGONOMETRY	
ARITHMETIC (MENTAL)	15		
ALGEBRA	0		
		TOTAL	285

Seemed capable enough

B. Vincent, C.F.X. Principal.

I have added his Gallant Conduct Certificate below in honour of Sergeant **James Joseph Murphy**, John J was born on 23rd July 1897 in Mile End. He became a pupil at Clapham College in 1911 where he stayed to study for two years, his family living in Fitzwilliam Road, Clapham Old Town for this period. [House prices in Fitzwilliam Road are running at £1,500,000]. JJ went on to become a Van Driver, before he joined the 7th Royal Irish Rifles at the beginning of the First World War. He was given this Certificate for gallantry in the battlefields of France. JJ survived the conflict and moved to Brighton, on the South Coast, where he lived until his death in 1969, aged 72.



Men of the Royal Irish Rifles on the Somme.



The Royal Irish Rifles were raised in Belfast in September 1914 as part of Kitchener's Second New Army. In June they moved to Ballyholley and crossed to England in September for final training at Aldershot. They proceeded to France on the 20th of December 1915, landing at Le Havre, the division concentrated in the Bethune area. In 1916 they were in action on the Somme during The Battle of Guillemont in which the Division captured the village and The Battle of Ginchy. In 1917 they fought at The Battle of Messines and on the 23rd of August they transferred to 49th Brigade. They were in action at The Battle of Langemark, during the Third Battles of Ypres and on the 14th of October 1917 they transferred to 108th Brigade, 36th (Ulster) Division. The 7th Battalion was absorbed by the 2nd Royal Irish Rifles on the 14th of November 1917.

JJ would have been involved in many of these activities and Battles.

Scotty

Names on the COXA Database - but NOT current Paid-Up Members

After nearly a year of “chasing” I’m afraid I have to publish the list of Non Members that I have collated. The list is by no means complete, but it is the name left on our Database once we remove the list of full Association Members and those Honorary ones! This is NOT a “NAME and SHAME” List, but an effort to chase COXA Members. If YOU are on this LIST, or KNOW somebody who is... can you please make a real effort to join the Association.

Gerard	Amura	Nick "Giggsy"	Armitage	Dermot	Meaney
Iain	Anderson	Walter	Avrili	Tony	Minieville
Robert	Audino	Keiron F H	Brady	Glyn	Morris
Raymond	Barry	Sean	Brennan	Dave	Munns
Tom	Benedict	Steve	Burke	Mick	Murphy
Obie	Bentley	Julien	Carter	Lev	Myatt
Ian	Block	Gary	Chivers	Michael	Nelson
David	Bothrone	Brian E	Connolly	Laurie	O'Brien
Rudson [Rudi]	Bright	Eddy	Cotter	Pat	O'Connor
Brian	Burke	Kevin	Coughlan	Dickie	O'Flynn
Frank	Bush	Ged	Dolan	Barrie	O'Neil
Michael	Casserly	Neil	Farquharson	Sean	O'Sullivan
Paul	Caureen	John	Farrell	John	O'Sullivan
Serge	Cefai	Dave	Faulkner	Laurence	Peak
Michael	Chandler	Kieron	Gibbons	Stephen	Platt
Richard	Chatterton	Ray	Gibbs	Clive	Powell
Chez	Ciechandwicz	Steve	Gordon	Terry	Price
James	Clarke	Paul	Hamilton	Nick	Protts
Ray	Clarke	Michael	Hart	Ian A	Randolph
Peter	Codd	Mik	Hodges	Bernard	Reegan
Joe	Conmee	Kevin	Howard	Charlie	Rettner
Kevin	Cooney	Marc	Jaconelli	John	Ryan
Martin	Coppola	Michael	Januszewski	Chris	Salmon
Brendan	Costello	Keith	Jenkins	Stephen	Sanders
Brendan	Crean	Ian	Josland	Mike	Scanlon
Steve	Curtis	Chris	Kavanagh	Bernard	Spoor
Paul	Curtis	Tony	Kavanagh	Dave	Tierney
John	Delaney	Ian	Kelly	Benedict	Tom
Brian	Donnelly	John	Kelly	Luke	Tope
Tom	Duffy	Tony	Kennedy	Steve	Toyne
Carl	Egan	Kornel	Kondziela	Prof. Michael	Turvey
Patrick	Flaherty	Colin	Lillywhite	Peter	Wardle
Martin	Flaherty	John	Loosemore	Steve	Webb
Chris	Flaherty	David	Mackey		

“Missing” Members List—Continued

Tony	Flanagan	Ian	Martin-Rodriguez	Michael	Wilshaw
Aiden	Flood	John	McCarthy	Tom	O'Brien
John	Flynn	Errol	McCarthy	William	Oliver
Carlos	Freese	Jim	McCoy	Eugene	O'Shea
Steve	Frost	Eddie	McCoy	Mick	O'Shea
Mick	Galtrey	John	McDermott	Kazik	Ostrowski
Bart	Gavigan	Chris	McDermott	Chris	Pearson
Mark	Gay	Ray	McDonagh	Richard	Pearson
Paul	Ghost	Chris	McFadden	Eamonn	Pellican
Patrick	Gillam	Peter	McFall	Henry	Perales
Paul	Griseri	Jim	McGowan	John	Philpott
Brian	Harris	Martin	McGrath	Tony	Piwowski
Jack	Harris	Kevin	McKenna	Paul	Pozzoni
David	Harrison	Jim	McLoughlin	Mark	Preece
Graham	Hillier	Mick	McLoughlin	Unknown	Przednowek
David	Hillier	Jamie	McNish	S. P.	Quick
Frank	Izzard	M	McQuiggan	Noel	Quinn
Neil	Keogh	Dorio	Melfi	Michael	Quinn
Noel	Kirby	Bernie	Mensah	Richard	Riley
Adam	Kondziela	Paul	Milligan	Jim	Rogers
Gerry	Lambe	Mauro	Montuschi	Mark	Roszkowski
Rudolph	Massara	Tim	Moynihan	Luke	Roszkowski
Andrew	McDonald	H.	Murdoch	Frank	Ryan
Joe	McElligott	Frank	Murphy	Karl	Sabbagh
Mick	McGrath	Ray	Murphy	Stephen	Schwenk
Adrian	McLoughlin	Mark	Noulton	Philip	Searle
Patrick	Sullivan	Sir Eric	St. John-Foti	Terry	Sewell
Michael	Taggart	John	Stafford	Des	Silke
Chris	Taylor	Peter	Stapleton	Danny	Speight
Patrick	Travers	Sean	Walsh		

PLEASE, PLEASE HELP ME - trace these Old Xaverians

The list of 190 names on this, and the previous page, are names of Old Boys who have been active in the Association in the last five years, turning up for functions, the Lunch or turning out for Cricket or Football. Some have corresponded with the Old Boys and half a dozen are 400 Club Members. Others we have lost touch with and would appreciate information and possibly new addresses / email details from any current Members. Another group paid a “sub” within the last 5 years, but nothing since. If you know/are in contact with anyone on this list please contact for me- they are too valuable to join “THE MISSING” - thanks in advance—Scotty dmacdonald441@virginmedia.com

Norbury Pigeon Club

With a lot of press coverage on the Centenary Remembrance events and memories, the focus on the life saved and role played by our feathered friends. At the start of the War the British had just 60 pigeon and 15 handlers in the warzone. By 1918 there were more than 20,000 pigeons and 370 handlers. Pigeons had a 95% success rate for reaching their destination.



Back to the 2014 season with the **Points Winners**

Jim Andrews & Son (142) Jon Willis (136) Bilan Yovchew (129) Bob Morris (124) Dave Steers (77) Charlie Sammut (55) John King (45) and with **Philip Filipov** won the club breeder/buyer and £450.00.

With the new season gets underway on the 11th April maybe not so many loss. One Loft Race are popular these days With one loft racing anyone can take part because you don't need a loft of your own.

It's an ideal way to race a pigeon. The One Race (Which is actually a series of races) every year, and there are some large prizes in order to take part, all you to do is get a young pigeon from a breeder, pay the entry fee and deliver your bird to the loft. The loft manager takes care of the rest, and you can follow the progress the on the one loft website. approximate First prize R P R A. U K. 20,000 - South Africa \$150,000 Bulgaria 35,000 euro and a lot more. **Bob Morris**

Point of information — Bob and the Pigeon Club Members have been central to keeping Norbury open and functioning for many years now. Not only do they use the premises at Norbury during the Summer [Racing] Season,, but they are regular uses of the Clubhouse and Bar, insuring there is a constant presence at the ground. Bob is also invaluable in the upkeep of our ground and buildings [recently repairing the Changing Room roof] , Bob a regular attender at the Chairman's Lunch. The Association owes the Pigeon Club a vote of thanks for their efforts over the years.



The Dunstan Brothers

"Dunnie" would have "done" pigeons

COXA CRICKET 2015 A very warm welcome to you all in this year of our Lord 2015. I trust you are all looking forward to a scintillating season of top quality cricket, in exactly the manner that England's World Cup wasn't.

The big news to report is a move of ground to Imber Court, East Molesey. A big thanks must go out to **Matt Benedict** for utilising one of his fingers that he has in one of his many pies to make this happen. It really looks like top quality facilities all round and a great place to play cricket, so thanks Matty! And many thanks to **Steve**



As always, new players are more than welcome so if you or any friends are interested please let me know. I can be contacted at **rtmc@mail.com** or on **07846266691**.

Outdoor nets will hopefully commence in March—Sunday at Clapham Common at 2:00pm (weather depending) and will continue **every Sunday** in the lead up to the season commencing on **May 2nd**, where we play our first match at **Imber Court against London Gymkhana**. Our primary aim for the season is to deliver more consistent performances than last season. As a team we ranged from excellent to deplorable last year, often within the same match. A more measured approach to batting, excellent fielding standards at all times and line and length bowling will no doubt bring success in Division 1. Looking forward to a good season. **Richard McIntosh – Captain.**

COXA FOOTBALL

Please remember the **Football Section Crisis Meeting** which will be at County Road, Norbury on 20th April, starting at 8pm. Please try to arrive by 7:45pm to ensure you get a seat. With regards to the "Sons of COXA" match vs Old Grantonians Vets on Saturday 30th May, we're currently awaiting confirmation of the FA Cup final kick-off time (which is likely to be 17:15). Our game will kick-off early enough to ensure that everyone who plays has time to shower and change before settling in to watch Aston Villa vs Reading.... [or possibly Arsenal / Liverpool] Thanks, **Connor**

Jan Luba request THE "event" is now fixed for Saturday 27 June 2015 at SFX. The old boys from the year will be arranging and funding the event themselves and I have just sent out invites. Tracing. I am short of contact details for the following old-boys from our year.

Paul Butler Tony Champion Brendan Duffy James Doran Antonio Farnesi Tony Greaney Chris Hart Dave Hefer Terry Hughes Maurice Kelly Stephen Kennedy Paul Laforte Iain Macpherson Peter Martin Paul Merker Barry Murphy Kevin Monaghan Andrew Osieki Andrew Reda XXXX Seacombe Paul Thomas Stephen Wichtowski

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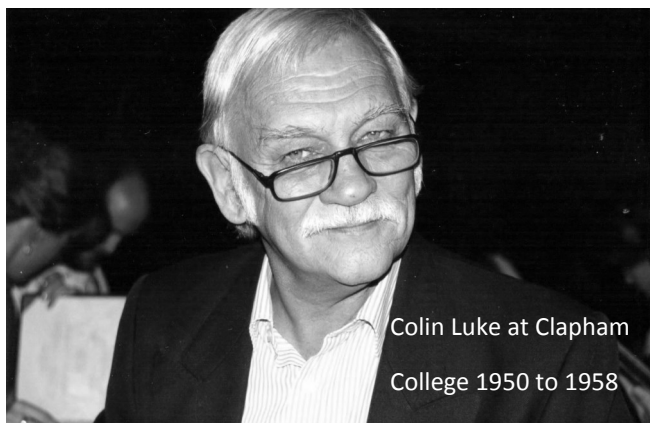
Correspondence from Gerry Salmon 1961 - 68 ...Yes Scotty, **Chris** is my brother—but at the present time I don't have or can't find an address for Chris Salmon. He's in the US at the moment on holiday, and will be in the UK late November for a short period then back to Gocek, Turkey. I'm sure he'd love to hear from you, as I say he's still in touch with a few lads, and I'm sure he'd love the begging letter, but he'll probably send you one back. I hope that all helps. I'm now only minutes from Wilson so will make the trip "West" shortly and we will undoubtedly have our own wine tasting session, we're just about over the trauma of a house move, albeit only a temporary one. PS Gerry, the above was really interesting - didn't help much with me tracing Chris - Ed

COLIN LUKE 1938—2014

Colin Luke, talented sportsman and a popular School Captain, died on Grand Cayman Islands in December shortly before his 76th birthday.

Colin left the College in the late 1950s and completed his National Service in Kenya as an officer in the King's African Rifles. In Kenya he met his future wife, Lesley Anne Scurr, who joined him in London following his demobilisation. At their subsequent wedding, **Tony Amura** was his best man and **Vladimir Felzmann, Phil Leeder and John Bunce** were his ushers. He started work at Costains and lived in Dolphin Square before joining the financial sector and setting up home in South London. In the early sixties, Colin swapped London for the Grand Cayman, where he lived for nearly 50 years becoming a respected member of the ex-patriot community. Lesley died in 2006. Colin is survived by two children: Kirsten and Mathew. The sad loss of another great Xaverian

+ May he R.I.P. +



Colin Luke at Clapham College 1950 to 1958



Colin's Wedding Day—COXA in attendance

A Postscript Scotty I got the Winter Concordia and was sorting out boxes in the loft, and came across a 1957 football programme for London Grammar schools verses Middlesex Grammar schools, and at No 11 is one **C.E. Luke**. I have a vague memory of going to the game at Dulwich Hamlet's ground, so I thought that young Colin Luke might like to have it. **John McGowan** [John was unaware of Colin's recent passing, it's strange how the Old Xaverians keep throwing up these links/ coincidences - Scotty]



The Memorial Mass at the College Chapel for Colin Luke. Tony Amura gave the eulogy – Colin richly deserved this COXA tribute—Alec Morrish

Latest 400 Club Winners

July 2014

£100. J. Conner
£50. P. Schwenk
£25. E O'Brien

August

£100. J. Norton
£50. M. Duffy.
£25. M. Power

September

£100. D. Nathan
£50. 18 Club
£25. J. McGuire

October

£100. J. Gavigan
£50. E. O'Brien
£25. A. Cleather

November

£100. J. Burke
£50. I. Andersor
£25. D. Leather

December

£100. D. Condon
£50. M.Powell
£25. D.Sanders

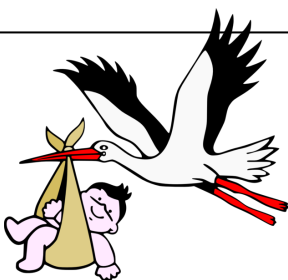


Col. Garvey



What makes a Clapham Boy?
[answers on a stamp!]

The "STAR" of the Chairman's Lunch—Brendan Kearns - our key-note speaker



John [Jake] Richins
Mick McLoughlin
Richard Mills

PERSONALIA- CLAPHAM Old Boys Etchings

Joe Modro. Joe attended last year's Lunch and sat on the Mayfield table. He was at **Mayfield 46/51** and **Clapham 51/52**. Joe has taken out an over 80 Life Membership and lives in Banstead, Surrey.

Just a "Heads-Up" to all those "Non Members" out there - t's never TOO LATE to join COXA!

Old Xaverians we've lost contact with – Where are they now? – are YOU in contact?



This is a "new" section - we are asking current Old Xaverians to trace other "lost" Clapham Old Xaverians. The hundred "plus" on the "Non Members list in this Concordia we do have contact with—they for whatever reason have declined to become paid Members.

This quest is to trace Clapham boys you might be in contact with personally—who we have lost contact with. Any names forwarded to me will I promise be followed up.

If you look at the List of Members - you can work out if possible contacts "you have" are know to us!

Firstly I have one of my own "missing Xaverians" to request you to "search" for me—**Mick Ware** is Life Member [in David Leathem's year]., He has not received a Concordia for a year, no address details. His father once owned and ran a butchers shop 5/6 shops down from the Oval Station.—any ideas? **Scotty**

Personalia - Continued.....

Terry Cain 1954 to 1961 [Glastonbury] recently joined as a Life Member [and "Threw in a few extra pounds to cover my arrears" - **now there's a thought**]. Reference to Scotty's e-mail I have no news for "Personalia" but do not appear to have received a copy of "Year at Clapham 54" as stated in his point number "4" [it's in the post Terry]

Finally, as monies has always been a problem with COXA's coffers can I suggest something to the COXA Committee (if it is not too ghoulish)! **Why not advocate that all COXA members leave a special donation to COXA in their wills? I, for one, would do so to help keep such a worthwhile organisation "out of the red" and no doubt any attendant classmates/friends would at least lift their glasses in memory of many good times in the past, present, and hopefully, the future, at some COXA event.**

Looking forward to the Lunch on the 30th.Jan. **Terry [Cain]** - Any thoughts on Terry's suggestion? Some Xaverians have already taken this path and left monies to the Association, in past years

I received the following correspondence from Gerald O'Leary, whose grandfather, also Gerald, was at the College from 1917-18]

Hello Don, Thank you for the message and query. Gerald was born in Tooting and in 1911 lived at Drakefield Rd, Upper Tooting, [as you said] and was christened at Church of the Holy Ghost, Nightingale Sq., Balham. I would find it very difficult to believe two Gerald O'Leary's lived in Balham. Gerald's father Patrick was an Inspector in the Met. Police and at the time you mention was a Lt in the RNVR. I mention this only because there may be a school record showing who Gerald's father was. I have forwarded your query to my father and he is going to check old records to see if anything turns up.

For further information Gerald was a Sgt in the Met and was very frustrated that he couldn't join up immediately the war broke out. When he eventually did join he went to Bomber Command and was a Rear Gunner in a Halifax. He was killed on the 3rd June 1944 over France. If there were any more details on your Gerald and parents it might confirm the same man. One further point, Gerald had a brother Bernard who was born four years after Gerald in 1912. He went to the school as well. As soon as I find out anything more I will let you know. Gerald we would be very proud to know his old school remembered his sacrifice. Regards, Gerald O'Leary [grandson] [I found Bernard in the 1924 Class Lists - Ed]

Thousands of wooden Remembrance Crosses at Westminster Abbey - this tradition started in 1928 when two crosses were planted.



COXA Remembrance Mass.

Confirming caution has beaten valour and we will not be attending--with great regrets.

A huge thank you for what I am sure was a truly memorable day. My wife, Jean, is somehow on the mailing list of the Royal British Legion, who invited her to return a cross with a remembrance message for planting at Westminster.

At her suggestion I sent the following:

"IN REMEMBRANCE of Old Boys of Clapham College, London (Clapham Old Xaverians), who died in WW1, 53 out of 129, WW2, 44 out of 372, at least of those who we know served." My wife, Jean, and myself fully intended to go, to the Mass. but due to ill-health I was unable to attend.

Malcolm Corey

Letter received from **David Worley** [now living in Truro] in December

Scotty thanks for "Winter Concordia" – I was saddened to hear of the death of **Phil Gray**. While I was two years ahead of him at Clapham, I knew him well. Our "studies" overlapped at the University of Hull – with a strong Clapham contingent including myself, **Michael Aldrich, Colin Garvey, David Conduct, Phil and Tom Wedgeworth**. Allow me to offer my condolences to Phil's family, he will be remembered in my prayers. On another matter, on **Page 24** of the recent Concordia..... **Top left, Ron Clover**, my first Form-Master [1951] at Clapham; continuing to teach me French every year, up to, and including my A-Levels in 1958, when he left for the Channel Islands. **Bottom right, Doctor Liam Smith**, taught me History alongside **Cecil Pocock** up to "A-Level" he left in 1957, when I was in my Lower Sixth. Later he obtained a doctorate from the University of London, when he was Head of History at Goldsmiths College. He also taught at the Sorbonne in Paris [as an acknowledged authority on the Second Empire in France]. Dr Smith also published several works on the Bonaparte Dynasty in France. More than anyone else, it was he that stimulated my interest in History and became a good and valued friend. Liam became a surrogate Godfather to my son, who also studies History at Kings College, London. Enough of my ramblings and reminiscing, at this time, My best wishes to all this Christmas – especially those who remember me, Regards **David J. Worley [Charterhouse 1951-1959]**

Ena Amura, wife of **Tony**, died before Christmas, following several years of illness. Her Requiem Mass was held in January in John Fisher and Thomas More Church in Eltham. Archbishop Emeritus, Michael Bowen - who married Tony and Ena in the 1960s - together with Fr. Richard Plunkett, a Mayfield Old Xaverian, and pp of the parish, and Fr Vic McLean led 180 mourners in the Mass. Tony's sons, **Gerard and Dominic**, who both played football and cricket for the Old Boys, did the Readings. Tony gave the Eulogy, which gave a full account of Ena's early life in Glasgow (she was baptised Thomasina after her father). She met Tony, while he was playing for **St Mirren**. She moved to London, and, according to Tony, gained a cockney accent in 6 months. They were married, with **Colin Luke** as best man. Tony was now playing football and cricket for the Old Boys, and Ena joined other wives in preparing teas, keeping the scores, and organising social events. If ever anyone was the life and soul of the party it was Ena (dance champion !) she attended every COXA function for 20 years Tony latterly turned to Ena's fight with illness, which she bore with dignity and bravery. It was a real tribute to Ena and Tony that so many attended the Mass, including Old Xaverians, **Lyn Carpenter, Brian Sanders, Ted Hayter, John Bunce, Alec Morrish, John Hickey, Mick Magee, Colin Garvey and Chris Smith**. We will all miss her. May she rest in peace **Colin Garvey**

Scotty, It was great to meet up at the Remembrance Day Mass. What a great turn out! And what a moving occasion it really turned out to be - so much more than your average Sunday Mass. The idea of Matthew Barnaville singing the first verses solo of the two hymns was an inspired one. Not only did it encourage us all to sing out too in the remaining verses, really shaking off the slumbers of Saturday night, but it might have inspired a few of us too who were members of the School Choir back in the day to dust off our vocal chords and give serious singing more of a go!

Fr Vlad's words too were most poignant, given the occasion and the food and drink after the Mass provided a great opportunity to chat and look over the growing collection of COXA Memorabilia.

I'm sending you a cheque to deal with my overdue membership going forward, and look forward to meeting up again at the lunch in January.... **[a theme building here!]**

Just one more thing, though. You remember I mentioned that we have lost Old Boys in more recent conflicts than World Wars I and II alone. Well, I've done a bit of quick research this morning and I think I'm right in saying that an Old Boy of SFX College lost his life in Iraq and, if it all checks out, we should remember his sacrifice at next year's Annual Mass. If I'm not mistaken, Private Lee O'Callaghan of the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment was among a number of British soldiers killed in Basra during an attack by insurgents on August 9 2004. His family lived in Walworth, there was a big funeral I recall in south London and, I might be wrong, but the SFX College line was included in a report at the time in the South London Press. It will have be checked out with the College itself, just in case we are wrong. But I feel it would mean a great deal to his family to have his name included in the College Roll of Honour in time for next year. Thanks again to all for the hard work. I'll catch up with you In January. **Frank Murphy 1964 - 71**

Scotty, This coming weekend I'm going to the 30th Wedding Anniversary party of **Denis Gamber's (Gamberosso)** daughter (very long story but she's been a mutual friend over the last 10 years and in a fairly recent conversation I found out that Denis was her father!) Any anecdotes/stories that you might have about Denis would be greatly appreciated? Would you have a register from his year?

Denis was a goalkeeper - of the old school - and was captain of the lowest side - the 4ths?. He was captain because he was a bank manager, so could make good any non payments of match fees. Also he had a car. His playing days were really in the 1950s but this was the late 60s or even the 70s. He showed his age by bouncing the ball round the penalty area, before kicking it. We had to tell him about the 4 step rule. One day Clapham conceded a penalty. Just as the player was running up to take the kick, Denis called "Stop, there's rain on my glasses. "Everyone gathered round him, and one of his players attempted to clean them with his muddy hand. The result was that Denis could now see nothing, and the ball was in the net, while he was still waiting for the penalty to be taken. Happy days. Denis was a true gentleman **[Frank, Scotty and Colin]**

A Second XI full of famous faces - circa 1900



SECOND ELEVEN

Standing - Bob Shea, Mick Power, Mick Meade, Gerry Fitzpatrick,
Barry Cox, Jim Howard, Chris Thompson, Mick Gowan.
Kneeling - John McGuire, Pete Hurst, Pete Keenan, Jim Lyons.
Dick Cox-Horton.

More on Clapham Climbers A photograph of one of the boys (Ramsay or Charlie Lawrence I think) appeared in the catholic newspaper circulating in London in the late '40s which I took from about 20+ feet up Needle Ridge on Gable. The photo was a silhouette of the abseil from the top of the needle. As it was published in the newspaper (the Universe I think it was) it should be in the archives of the National Library. The photo in Concordia was not of one of the Clapham boys despite the TES assertion. It was of **George Partridge**, from Liverpool, in boots with tricouni nails probably on Gimmer crag (if indeed it was Langdale at all) and Partridge was a regular attender with us as he was an excellent leader. There is, in one log book of the Langdale Hut an entry: "**Joas, Asterisk, Diphthong, E Route; G. Partridge & J. Ramsay**" and these were four of the Very Severe classified climbs on Gimmer Crag. **John Ramsay** was a neat well balanced climber in the **Lower 6th in 1948**. The original initiative for boys to go climbing came from St Cuthbert's in Blackpool where Father -later Bishop- Pearson established over a 30 year period 3 climbing huts, [Achille Ratti Climbing Club] in the Lake District. When **Br. Joseph CFX** joined Clapham in 1944 from Manchester he had been part of the club and knew Pearson. Indeed those in the Clapham group travelling to Seascale spent an overnight on the floors of the Catholic Club in Levenshulme I recall. Br Joe was the link and his energy and love of the hills was instrumental in our involvement. There are two journals, ARCC 1 [1946] and ARCC 2 Journal [1949] each of which has an article "London in the Lake district" written 'anon' but I have no doubt they were written by Br. Joe. They too having been printed, may be in the archives of the N.L. If not perhaps in the archives of the present ARCC. When the French boys came we had 3 bases I recall I led a V Diff. on Dow crag after camping overnight in the sheep shelter above Coniston and next day we were enveloped in low cloud en route to Buckbarrow hut at Gass's farm in Wasdale. The 3 huts then (not now as you will find on the Achille Ratti web site) were at: Langdale behind the old hotel, Wasdale, 4 miles from the head of Wastwater, and Dunmail in the old Isolation hospital beside the main road. 13 boys were in the first visit to Wasdale. There was smaller number subsequently. I can but will not here give a list of those I know to have been on the expeditions. The obituaries of Bishop Pearson are in the D Telegraph [20.11.1987] and in the Times around that date.

Dr. Michael Nichols [Professor - retired] Clapham College 1943—1950 [Charterhouse]

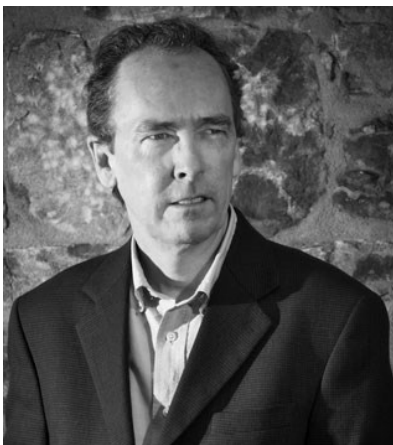
Before Christmas I entered into some email exchanges with Jim [TJ] and Peter Kirby—Thank you for your e-mail... I will certainly take care of the fees [Subs]...I am sorry I thought I had done so and had not, as I had asked Eddie O'Brien how I should do it earlier in the year and quite honestly forgot after that. Just to update...I actually attended Clapham College for two years only... A levels...1967 to 69 and then joined Aer Lingus as a 'lifer'. I took early retirement there some years ago and continued to work in hotel marketing. I have lived for long periods in the USA and Canada. I have been to several dinner/lunches and have bought cufflinks and bought a pair also this year for my brother, Peter, in Montreal, and I proudly wear them from time to time and they are always noticed...must be the size!

My brother Peter (not to be confused with Bro. Peter RIP) resides in Canada and he joined Clapham College and went right through the system. We were immigrants from Cork in the early 60s. I was away at a seminary in Yorkshire from '63 to '67 when I came to Clapham College as puberty made me realise that I would never be ordained a priest and lead a life of sexual abstinence, (some actually do), so I can say happily I am about to celebrate (is that the word?) 30 years of marriage and have 2 girls in their 20s...both still at home ..went away to Uni. and now returned, one from Southampton and the other from Warwick. There must be some fellows around with sons eligible to take them off my hands. I have a sign on the door 'exit', but they keep ignoring it.

Peter, my brother....he is younger than me by just over 2 years, so I can say quietly I am quite proud of him. He is a senior partner in the second largest law firm in Canada, Fasken Martineau, and is an experienced international arbitrator and economist and among other things was involved with Paddy Ashdown in the Balkans situation some years ago. He is also now an accomplished writer of detective fiction in Canada and has had incredible success there with his books which he writes on the side of the day job. If you Google www.peterkirby.ca you'll see it all. I say this actually because he would make a good speaker for the lunch. He can be quite witty, a total necessity for the lunch, and he has promised me he would come over for the next one in January, not having attended for 3 years I think.

Scotty I will also make sure he pays his joining fees and am not copying him in here as he would be rather embarrassed to see the things I have said about him when ordinarily I fight with him, as siblings are wont to do. Thanks for your 'short' note and sorry about my even shorter one. Suffice it to say funds will be relayed. Can't make the memorial Mass but certainly look forward to seeing you in January at the Lunch. Ps...Noticed some names there. **Kevin McNama** who died a few months ago was a good pal in later years. His mother is still alive in a home in Carshalton I believe. His two siblings who went to the College, **Brendan and John**, are alive and living in Streatham. Kevin had emigrated in retirement to OZ with wife Mary (who happened to teach my two girls in Mitcham at Sts, Peter & Paul) to be nearer to his daughters in Perth. Sad that he didn't have longer to enjoy his retirement. **Charlie French** is down on the list too but in the wrong year. he was the elder of the three French brothers. Charlie was one of my contemporaries and still lives in Streatham I believe. His two brothers, **Tony**, who was in Peter's year and **John** again about two years younger are both deceased very sadly, while their mother is alive and well and lives in Stockwell. I keep in touch with two other Old Boys, **Phil Manktelow and Paul Hixon** and was delighted to run into **Charlie Wright** at the lunch this year, whom I had not seen for some 30+ years.

PPS How could I forget to say congratulations with what you have done with Concordia magazine. I have sent the copies on to Peter. You've done a marvellous job, well done for such an effort. **TJ (Jim) Kirby**



Peter Kirby - The Autor. I was born in Ireland. When I was 10 the family left for England like so many Irish families at the time, and even now. We settled in Brixton, a working class London neighbourhood. Growing up in Brixton, the only thing I excelled at was getting into fights, which wasn't hard for a mouthy kid with glasses and too much attitude. I left school knowing no university would take me, and headed for America.**Read on**.....

After wandering around for a few years, working as a cook in New York, Boston and Toronto, I arrived in Montreal at the start of the great Anglophone exodus that followed the election of the Parti Québécois, the province's first separatist government. I figured, if the old establishment was running for the lifeboats, the city could be an interesting place to be. I was right, and quickly came to love Montreal like no other place. I continued working as a cook at various greasy spoons but I also began to dream.

Concordia University had a mature student program with night classes. They let me in with a deal that if I did OK, I could stay, if not, I couldn't. I did OK enough to get into McGill Law where I worked as a breakfast cook from 5.30 am to 11 a.m., and then went to law classes. Now I practice international law at one of Canada's largest firms and, in 2012, was recognized by The American Lawyer as one of Canada's leading 500 lawyers. In case you're wondering, yes, there are more than 500 lawyers in Canada. I've been writing fiction since I left school, but the demands of raising a family and building a law practice meant that there was never enough time. The sock-drawer filled up with unfinished pieces. I figured writing legal briefs was close enough to writing fiction. But it wasn't. It still isn't This was Peter Kirby—if you “Google” him..... Below is Peter Kirby the Old Xaverian.....

Scotty—Thank you so much for your reply. I don't work on Fridays and must admit I had a lie-in this morning. I'm still beavering away with overseas hotels who look for representation here in the UK with the whole-sale travel trade, that is tour operators and on-line bed banks. I don't deal with the public but it's all marketing and contracting which is similar work I did with Aer Lingus. I will retire at the end of 2015 completely.

I will try and contact Charlie French via one of my sisters who is great friends with his sister, Michelle. You know Paul, amazing, lovely guy. I only reconnected with him about three years ago and that led to **Phil Manktelow**. I mentioned **Charlie Wright** also. **Charlie, Martin Couche** and myself were great buddies way back and **Martin** and I, along with **Matthew Murtagh and Peter** had a band at one time. I met **John Murtagh** for the first time in ages in January also, although didn't get to catch up with Matthew as he was ill. I have been in touch with him by e-mail and hope to see the **three Murtagh brothers** in January.

I remember **Michael Grice, Kevin Bond** rings bells and I have a picture in my mind of him along with Richard Lucas. Incredible that you are all brothers-in-law. Two of my sisters went to Notre Dame, I had three. The youngest, Lisa, returned to teach maths after graduating from UCL. She got her arithmetic abilities from my dad's genes as he had been quarter-master sergeant in the Irish Army. It didn't work with Peter and me, neither of us were particularly good at sciences. Coincidentally we have been talking about a Mass for **Kevin McNama** and your offer of helping with the Chapel sounds like a great idea. I'll mention it to the **Barnaville brothers** who want to do it. They are related to **Kevin Barnaville** as first cousins but none of them went to CC. However they have a wonderful folk band although scattered in terms of where they live now, but would love to do something in memory of Kevin as he played with them many moons ago. Let you know how that pans out and will come back to you for help which will indeed be appreciated.

I never mentioned a chap, much younger than me, **Michael Burke**. His wife Berny and I worked together at Aer Lingus and we are great friends. The Aer Lingus group have a very active retired association here in the UK, Dublin and New York, so we stay in touch all the time. I believe Michael is finishing up a contract in Saudi at present but you probably know more as I believe he was due to go on the trip to Flanders.

Absolutely wonderful to get your reply. I'm off to have lunch with an old Aer Lingus pal in Wimbledon who, like me retired early but still works 4 days at week with his own PR company. Always good to use the work experience we received if it enhances life and keeps us out of harm's way! Scotty, thank you so much for the connection and connections...we'll stay in touch. All the very, very best **Jim Kirby**



THE THREE OF US FINALLY MET UP AT THE CHAIRMAN'S LUNCH AT THE OVAL IN JANUARY - THE LEAST "LITERARY" OF THE THREE OF US TALKED THE MOST [CLUE HE'S THE ONE IN THE MIDDLE!!] I THINK THE TWO AUTHORS DRANK THE MOST.....

I have included a letter received from Louis Henderson, one of our newest [and oldest] recruits to the Association. His letter starts in the ideal manner for a Membership Secretary and ends with an unnecessary apology.... A brilliant 1st article Louis, please write another for us - Are there Old Boys out there who remember him and have lost touch over the decades? **Louis Henderson 1936 to 1941**

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Again, sorry about the delay in replying to you. Also sorry about rambling on, put it down to old age.

Scotty, was so impressed with your recent commemorative edition of the magazine, its great and a real labour of love. I do not subscribe - but would love to and am happy to send you on the 12 quid. Tell me how? .

I also want to let know of an event that is happening in **St. Anselm's** to remember those who gave their lives in the struggles of the First and Second World Wars. Two guys in the parish are bringing out a book about those who were parish members and who gave their lives and a memorial weekend 7/8/9 November is planned with film on the Friday , Social event and book launch on the Sat (**Brendan Kearns** will be involved) and Solemn Memorial Mass The reason that you and others may want a copy of the book is because the following are old boys of C/College and their story is told. You might be able to let others with an interest know. i.e. Scotty or anyone else you can think of.

The names are—Dan Corry Frank De Beauchamp Collimate Peter Gleeson Harold Hughesdon Peter Keast If you want to know more let me know and I will send you some promotional material or else come round and we can have a cuppa. **Tom Gately** [this is linked to our earlier article - there will be a follow-up—Ed]

Dear Don,

Please excuse the tardiness to your letter of Sep. 16th. I have been laid low with Shingles, usually referred to as 'Bloody Shingles'. That's my excuse.

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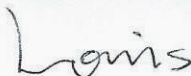
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Regards,



Louis Henderson.

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Peter Wills ...if I don't make it to the Falcon on 16th Dec (from midday, **Mike P**).

I'm going in to St George's this afternoon and tomorrow will have triple heart bypass surgery.

I hope to be out next Monday but recovery is a slow process (except for **Rich Clark's** sister-in-law's partner who was out hunting wolves within a week) so I may find the **Falcon** a pint too far.

I trust the rest of you will use the occasion to bid a Clapham farewell to the late, great **Phil Gray**.

Regards to you all and I'll see most (if not all) of you at the Chairman's Lunch in January.

Peter had his operation and recovered well - despite the **Col Garvey** [are you dead email? ! - Ed]

Peter missed the **Falcon** - **see front page** - but "made" the Lunch - a true Xaverian trooper.

A note of congratulations - the on-line Concordia was a true tour-de-force - I am sure I join with all our colleagues in thanking you for not only the obvious 'extent' of your skills and labour but, again, the 'extent' of the range and quality of the contents A REALLY good and informative read!!!(It does make me wonder quite what made 'Clapham' so remarkable and memorable - it surely is attributable to more than simply a collection of (largely) Oiks!! - isn't it??) With VERY kind regards and appreciation - **Mike Piesse (Class of '54)**

Paul Curtis writes—Thank you so much mate, for the last Concordia, that was a terrific read. I had left Buddy Curtis and the Grasshoppers by the time they played the Princes Trust which is just as well as the times I've bumped into Elton at Madison Square Garden he's taken quite a shine to me. Unfortunately I'm unable to make the Chairman's Lunch due to work but hope to catch up with you and the lads soon.

Again thanks so much **Paul Curtis**

Scotty - My memories of Clapham are not the best to cut a very long story short I fell foul of Brother Joseph over a broken door handle and in front of the whole school he gave me a rollicking and sent me home. I was so upset that I refused to go back and I left of my own volition. That was in the Fourth Year which was a shame because I was doing OK education-wise.

I left Clapham circa **1953/1954** and joined the Royal Navy for 12 years where I got to Petty officer. On leaving the navy I went to work at Heathrow for the Israelis where I stayed until I retired in 2001. After retirement until my surgery I worked for the local council driving a bus for the mentally handicapped.

As a coincidence, during my time in the navy I met up with a chap called **John Sheridan** who was a year ahead of me at Clapham, he was the medic on a ship called HMS Agincourt, we served on her for 2 years. John went on and was commissioned and attained the rank of Lt Commander Ward-Master. I left the RN circa 1965/6 and ventured into the big bad world. Enough of this claptrap about me it was good to hear from you and may I wish you and yours all the best for Christmas and the New Year, Regards **Brian Cook**

Scotty - I have very fond memories of **Mr Pocock, Mr Kum (Design & Tech), Mr Solomon (Maths), Mr Fagan (Dean of Studies), Mr Cassy (Maths), Miss Mooney, Mr Richins, Mr Bond** Please remember me to those who are still around. Pass on my details (below) I'd love to hear from them, too. **Andrew Cordani - first intake after amalgamation) [1KG,3RG,5KC?] [REDACTED]** I'll let you know when I'm planning to call in to see Mr Pocock (probably with **Herman Mendonca** if I can drag him out) Regards Andrew

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Please come and join your former pupils and other former teaching staff for a day of celebration, food, drink and speeches on Saturday 27 June 2015 in the old school buildings and grounds.

We will start with Mass in the Chapel in late morning. The service will be given by one of our old boys, Monsignor Canon *James Cronin*. After Mass, there will be extended refreshments of food and drink and a few short speeches. (Hopefully we will be outside, weather permitting). There will be displays of photos, records and other memorabilia (do bring any of your own).

The Old-Boys Association (COXA) will be selling school ties, badges and more. The event will end in the late afternoon. Car parking will be available on site but Clapham South underground station should be open. Please do come and join us.



Memories of Days Past



Post Card from East Grinstead -

“Evacuation” it seemed a thousand miles from SW12, the half an hour drive from South London puts it in perspective. It was such a change of environment it really was a million miles away from 1940s London for those young boys.

Sport on the Common? Korfbal!

Any participants, comments /details?



View from the Common

This photograph was taken in **1911** by Clapham schoolboy with a Brownie Camera.

It shows the College [through the trees] taken looking from the Common opposite the school at Clapham South . No automobiles on **Nightingale Lane** - “heady days”.

Photographs of interest Spring



Before & After Battersea Town Hall March 2015. The “Battersea Arts Centre” caught fire and was severely damaged—“great “ Prize Nights



Cecil ; on the mend, recuperating after his fall and fractured arm

Colin Garvey being made an Honorary Member of the COXA Cricket Club. **Phil Roderick-Jones** seen here presenting Colin with his COXA cricket cap., at the Falcon.

No words really required as a caption?

COXA on Tour - AGAIN?

