



# Concordia



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The "newly named" Colin Garvey Hall at Sacred Heart



The Garvey Family at the newly named "Colin Garvey Hall" at Sacred Heart School



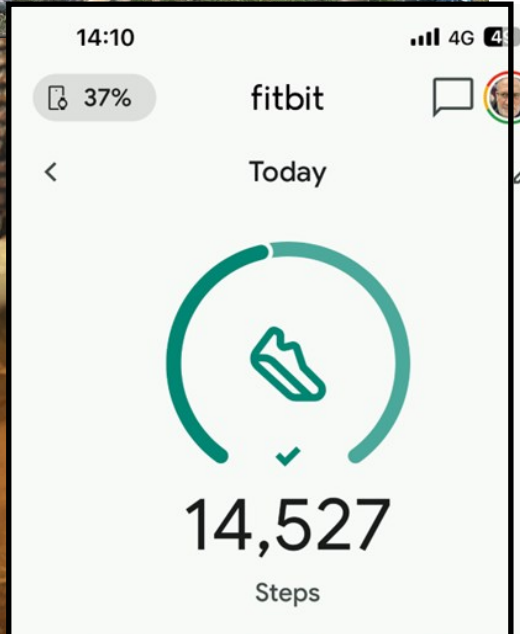
A beautiful, old Clapham cricket cap

At the Memorial Mass held for Colin Garvey on Wednesday, 19th March at St Mary's, Moorgate, former principal of SFX, Stella Flannery, presented the Garvey family with a 'Colin Garvey Memorial' print set in a gold picture frame. Looks great

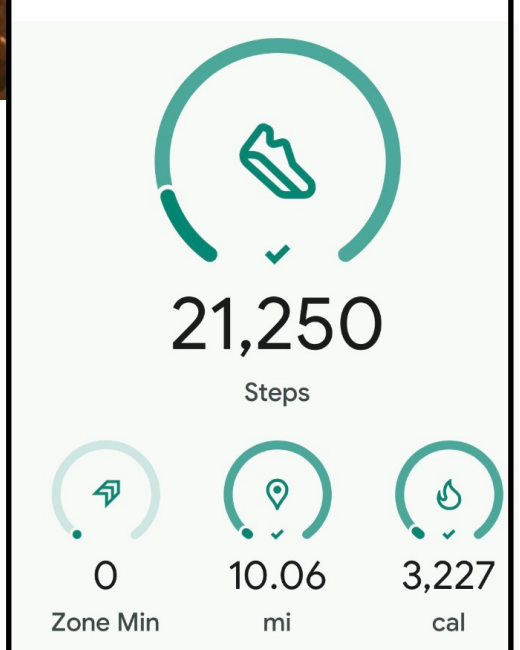
**Colin Garvey**  
1943 - 2025

 <b>Family Heritage: Elze</b> Father's heritage: Galway; Elze Mother's heritage: Wick/Low; Elze Grandparents paternal and maternal emigrated from Elze to UK c. 1910	 <b>First Parish: St. Mary's Church</b> Clapham Common Parishioner, Altar Server 1943 - 1961	 <b>First School: St. Mary's</b> Primary School, Clapham Pupil 1943 - 1954	 <b>Diocese: Archdiocese of Southwark</b> Links Parishioner, Pupil, Teacher, Headteacher, Foundation Governor and Chair of Governors at a range of Catholic educational institutions 1943 - 2025	 <b>Secondary School:</b> Clapham College Boys' Grammar School 1954 - 1961: Pupil, 1962 - 1961: Head Boy
 <b>Sports Team:</b> 1954 - 1961: Clapham College First Eleven Football Team, Left Full Back, Represented London Grammar Schools 1964 - 1992: Clapham Old Xaverians' Association Team	 <b>Place of Worship: Oliver Plunkett Chapel,</b> Parish of Holy Ghost Balham and subsequently Chapel of Clapham College Attendee (Secondary Pupil), Governor of St. Francis Xavier College and the Clapham Old Boys' Association 1964 - 2025	 <b>Higher Education:</b> University of Hull BA(Hons) in History 1961-1964	 <b>Higher Education: St. Mary's</b> Catholic University Twickenham First Graduate Certificate in Education (History) 1964 - 1968	 <b>First permanent teaching post:</b> Wimbledon College Boys' Catholic School Role: Teacher of History 1968 - 1970
 <b>Membership: Clapham</b> Old Xaverians Association Role: Association Member, Vice Chair 1961 - 2025: Life Member	 <b>Membership: The Catenian Association</b> 2010 - 2025	 <b>Place of Worship:</b> Virgo Fidelis Upper Norwood Parishioner 1976 - 2025	 <b>Career: Sacred Heart Catholic</b> Secondary School, Camberwell Role: Deputy Headteacher, Headteacher 1982-2016	 <b>Diocesan Service:</b> St. Matthew Academy, Lewisham Role: Foundation Governor, Chair of Governors 2008 - 2016
 <b>Diocesan Service:</b> Saint Francis Xavier College Clapham Common Role: Governor, Chair of Governors 2006 - 2020, Chair 2015 - 2020	 <b>Service to Holy See: Order of</b> St. Gregory the Great Award: Papal Honour of Knight Commander 2009	 <b>Diocesan Service: Notre Dame Catholic</b> School for Girls, Southwark Role: Foundation Governor, Chair of Governors 2006 - 2007, 2007 - 2023	 <b>Membership: Association of</b> Catholic Sixth Form Colleges [ACVIC] Role: Chair of Governors Saint Francis Xavier College 2018 - 2020	 <b>Membership: Sixth Form Colleges'</b> Association Role: Chair of Governors Saint Francis Xavier College 2018 - 2020
 <b>Diocesan Service:</b> Bishop Thomas Grant Catholic School, Streatham Role: Member of Independent Appeals' Panel 2018 - 2024				

# COXA Christmas Ramble - between Christmas and New Year - Three Common Walk



The Three Commons Walk, Keston

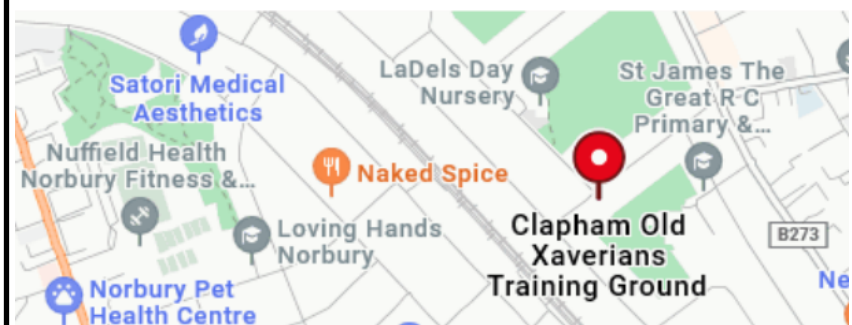


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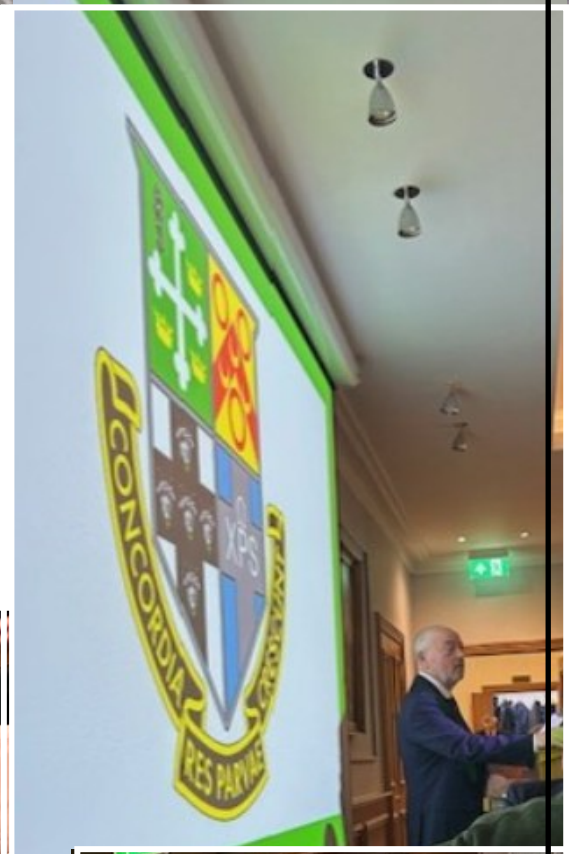
## Clapham Old Xaverians Training Ground

Sports club in Thornton Heath, England

37 County Rd, Thornton Heath CR7 8HN · 46 mi



**“Drone-eye” view of SFX [the Old Clapham College] old folks home [left] the Paddock “concreted”.**



# The Thoughts of COXA Chairman David Leathem

## Chairman's Thoughts: Spring 2026

### Oh To Be In England, Now That April's There

And so, the Summer of Sport begins, dear friends.

Another COXA Golf Trip to Mayo starts on the 27<sup>th</sup> April. The Football Tour (no footballers, and no football) Follows on the 1<sup>st</sup> May. Your Chairman will be an almost-passive participant in both, marking a dedication to duty on my part that Mrs Chairman has commented upon, more than once.

This month's Ramble was postponed, then replaced (due to poor weather) by a country walk in Central London, through 4 Royal Parks and along 1 Majestic River. The Country Ramble in May will be something quite special, since it includes a visit to Jake's Garden. Ask anyone; it's brilliant. (22<sup>nd</sup> May)

The Flagship Coxa Golf Event, and our Championship, is on June 19<sup>th</sup>, thank you Aidan, for your hard work in organizing this event. By that time, the fraudulent and fantastically awful Infantino will have got his own business underway. Pause for an eye-roll, dear reader... Our Vets and 1<sup>st</sup> XI are a better bet, The Ones are flying high, again.

What with a fine renewal of the Chairman's Lunch at the end of January, and an upcoming sold-out Lille Battlefield Trip mid-June, your Association is lively and alive. Some of our membership, not so much, and we mourn them, truly. David Martin, our former Chairman, has died, and there is something inside on his great contribution to our Association and its welfare. A 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Memorial Mass, for Colin Garvey, at St Mary Moor fields was an inspiring affair. I counsel you all to cherish our senior members who, having brought us this far are now into their various 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> decades as Xaverians, notably those stalwarts of School, Club and Committee Brian and Ted. Of course, not all ex-Chairmen are in their 80s and some not even 70, but cherish away, please, and if you've got some spare, maybe even cherish your current Chairman and his Committee.

That's enough cherishing, check out the website for more details of The Summer Lunch and another event [at the school](#) which should be marvelous. [Noon August 1st ..email Scotty if you are coming]

We have much to be proud of. Much to be thankful for.

The Committee values your support...



**Send any stamps - 2nd Class are "good2. To Scotty at 12 Farrow Drive, Barnham PO22 0FN - email news to [coxascotyeditor@hotmail.com](mailto:coxascotyeditor@hotmail.com) [photos great**

## Appeal "Clearing my Conscience"

**This is my best way of "paying back" the Association for the trust it has placed in my spending COXA funds. No regular income stream anymore. 10 Old Boys have been truly generous 3 have contributed twice. Please post me some stamps or transfer a little money, "marked stamps" - Thanks, Scotty COXA Bank 400107 AC 90232459**

## The Colin Garvey Memorial Hall - see photograph on Page 2

Following on from the memorial day held at the Sacred Heart School for the unveiling of The Colin Garvey Hall, Michael Garvey wrote this article in LinkedIn.

### How will I be remembered?

For a bunch of reasons (mainly emotional immaturity) it's not a question I've wrestled with much. However, after attending a memorial for my Dad at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Camberwell - the secondary school where he was a long standing headteacher - I'll admit to being blown away by what I saw and heard.

Former colleagues and pupils lined up to express their thanks for what my Dad taught them, how he had supported them and how he made their time in the school that bit lighter and brighter.

The school's current headteacher, **Richard Lansiquot** - who my Dad had hired years ago - shared he'd only been teaching at the school for a few months before his own father passed away. At the funeral (at a church up in Kilburn) Richard turned around during the service only to see my Dad there. He'd never met Richard's family before but wanted to show support and pay his respects. Richard then read out the final message my Dad had sent him earlier this year, just after the school's latest positive report was publicised.....

"You and the school are flying high, Richard. I'm so proud. Keep it going. Garvster"

Remembering a great man. So great that Camberwell is now home to "The Colin Garvey Hall" - as seen in these pictures of my sisters and I unveiling it, please note I am not wearing trainers. ....The ultimate sign of respect!

Mr Williams of Sacred Heart School wrote on the school Website....

"On Friday 14th November, the School Hall was officially renamed the Colin Garvey Hall, in honour of our much beloved former headteacher who passed away earlier this year.

Mr Garvey's family were in attendance for the ceremony, along with many current and former teachers and pupils. Mr Garvey's family unveiled the sign outside the hall and a commemorative plaque inside the hall.

Among those who paid moving tributes to Mr Garvey were former headteachers Dame Sally Coates, **Mr Cefai** and our current headteacher **Mr Lansiquot**.

Head students Yazmin and Mark also spoke brilliantly and Mme Quinn made sure the Hall looked beautiful, while Mr Thompson, Mme Tran and Father Andrew Ebrahim SDB masterminded a beautiful service. All in all it was a fitting tribute to a great and much loved man, father, grandfather, teacher and headteacher"

**Michael Garvey**

## Dave Martin past Chairman of COXA



I'm sad to inform the Association of the recent death of Dave Martin, a stalwart of Clapham Old Boys. David served on the Committee and was our Chairman through a difficult period in our history. Retiring to the coast with Christine, but was still interested in the Association. In recent years he would be have been proud of the strength and diverse activities of the Old Xaverians. Our thoughts go out to Christine and the family at these difficult times.

Rest in Peace David, love from your friends at COXA

### David Martin – 22nd February 1942 to 12th January 2026

David was born and grew up in South London. The family home was in Streatham where he lived with his parents and younger sister Joanne. By the time he started primary school he was able to read and this started his life-long love of books. He always had several books on the go on varying subjects. After Primary School he attended Clapham College from the age of 11 until he was 18. The school clearly made an impression on him as he chose to maintain contact after he left by joining COXA. During the 1970's he was Chairman for a few years, despite the fact that by this time his work had taken him to Essex. He also produced the magazine now known as Concordia during this time. His interest in COXA continued until the end of his life.

After leaving Clapham College his first job was working for the Prudential in Holborn, where he stayed for 8 years. During those years he used his evenings to study and qualify as a Company Secretary. He always said that he probably stayed at the Pru for too long, but the company had the added attraction of running an amateur dramatics group. Indeed, during his late teens and twenties he was in many productions, as well as producing and directing the Streatham Catholic Church Youth Club's Christmas pantomimes.

By the late 1970's, David's career had progressed and in 1977 he was appointed Company Secretary of Maynards Confectionery Company based in North London. This was David's dream job and he would probably have chosen to stay there until he retired. However, after 9 years the company was taken over and he had to decide where his career would take him next. He eventually took the decision to set up his own consultancy business, which he ran successfully until, in his late 70's, illness forced him to retire. His consultancy work was varied, but in later years he became a lecturer on the duties and responsibilities of the company secretary and employment law. His work took him all over the UK, including Northern Ireland. He was also a member of the Employment Tribunals, working initially at East London, then after a move to Bournemouth in 2003, at Southampton. During his consultancy years he also wrote a number of books and manuals on business matters.

When he wasn't working David escaped into his garden. He also had a love of France, where most of the family's summer holidays were spent over the years. Christine.

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## Foreword.

**I** HAVE been asked to write a foreword to this, the first number of *Concordia*, the Magazine of the Clapham Old Xaverians' Association.

I do so gladly and am delighted to assist at the launch of the new venture. Old Boys' Associations and their magazines have their vicissitudes, as we have reason to know, but I hope that *Concordia* may meet with a calm sea and a prosperous voyage.

The School has at various times owned sundry small literary craft which have either foundered or been dry-docked; at present we are grateful to *Concordia* for finding accommodation for our cargo.

Both Old Boys and present Students will find much to interest them, and the magazine should serve as a link to unite the two Sections.

The activities of the School and of its members, past and present, will naturally appeal to all who have come under the care of the Brothers.

I like the choice of the title of the magazine, suggested by the motto of our Congregation: "*Concordia res parvae crescunt*," and if the Association lives up to Sallust's dictum, its success is assured.

I hope that all old boys will join the official Association and will continue to be active members. We are proud of our boys and know perfectly well that the School's best recommendation is the behaviour of its boys.

In this connexion I should like to quote a paragraph I read recently in an Annual issued from our School in Louisville, Ky.

"Remember that human beings differ from the products of a gigantic factory which turns out thousands of machines daily and stamps on each one a trade-mark that denotes the same degree of efficiency in each machine. Such machines must respond to the laws of mechanical energy, but the human machine may respond or refuse to respond to the principles laid down as its rule of conduct."

This of course is a commonplace, but like other commonplaces it is apt to be overlooked.

BRO. BERNARDINE, C.F.X.

# 100 years of Clapham Xaverians-what's it all for". What have we achieved?

**63 years a Xaverian, editor of this magazine - probably the last person to ask!**

Where to start, possibly the friendships and comradeship over the last 60 plus years. The education? Well it was a start for a career.. The Brothers are a big plus, and the "discovery" of Brother Peter Campbell [Kentucky], a mirror image of the Clapham Xaverian Brothers half a century later. The teachers, my god, the characters; if you



tried to re-created the Billy Bunter school of Greyfriars with "Whacko" [and Headmaster Jimmy Edwards] you couldn't have invented a more unique group! [Br Peter Ambrose, Chris,



Dunstan: Terry Clegg, Bill Kidd, Brian Sanders, Jake, Gobbo, Ron Casey and Eric. Bill Blight, Ernie Wright, Colin Garvey. Serge, Graham Hudson, Bob James, Egan, Casserly and Burnham...and Big Pete!....that group helped mould the Old Xaverians Association - **yipes!**

## The Clapham Old Xaverian Football Section - presentation Evening



Picture 2: The Colin Garvey Memorial Managers player of the award presented by Mike going to Joe Hart



Nearly 130 years later we still sell out the Lunch[es]...with no school for nearly 40 years. This lunch was highlighted by a presentation by past Chairman Brendan Williams who appealed to Old Boys to support a new “bursary” for SFX pupils. This would be focused on one student each year paying their university fees, hopefully on a “history-based” course in Remembrance of our own Colin Garvey. Colin was on the Board of Governors of SFX and this new fund-raising scheme was launched by Brendan at the Lunch with more details to follow once the Trust Fund had been set up.

The “Sorry Sold-Out” sign is a testimony to the hard work of **Eddie O’Brien** [we owe him]



**The Chairmans Lunch - 130 Attendees (as of 16th Jan)**



8th June, 1946

**T**O-DAY, AS WE CELEBRATE VICTORY, I send this personal message to you and all other boys and girls at school. For you have shared in the hardships and dangers of a total war and you have shared no less in the triumph of the Allied Nations.

I know you will always feel proud to belong to a country which was capable of such supreme effort; proud, too, of parents and elder brothers and sisters who by their courage, endurance and enterprise brought victory. May these qualities be yours as you grow up and join in the common effort to establish among the nations of the world unity and peace.

*George R.I.*

What a great gift to give to  
1946 children after WWII

# COXA Membership Why include this...again?

Clapham Old Xaverians are a closed club. You have to be a member to participate in our various activities, receive Concordia and regular communication through our two Websites and monthly emails on social events. The message below gives the details for membership [and the costs]. Please respond if you think you are NOT a full member.



## COXA MEMBERSHIP



Dear Member,

To allow us to continue to flourish as the Clapham Old Xaverian Association we need your membership. Please don't forget to join, do it NOW!

**The cost of becoming a regular Member of the Association is only £10 per year.** Alternatively you might prefer to make a single, one-off payment and become a **Life Member.**

The cost of **Life Membership** varies with age as follows:

**80 or over: £20.00**  
**70 or over: £40.00**  
**60 or over: £60.00**  
**50 or over: £100.00**

**COXA Bank Details:**  
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**Sort Code: 400107**  
**Account No: 90232459**

The cost of **Annual Membership** is **£10.00**

All other Donations will be gratefully received.

One way of paying is via Direct Debit payment online.

**Please email us confirming that you have made the online payment: [treasurer@claphamoldxaverians.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@claphamoldxaverians.co.uk) and [secretary@claphamoldxaverians.co.uk](mailto:secretary@claphamoldxaverians.co.uk). Or to myself [editor@claphamoldxaverians.co.uk](mailto:editor@claphamoldxaverians.co.uk)**  
Please could you also provide us with **your full address details.**

## Peter Campbell CFX ..makes the front page of Concordia and Shaun Overy RIP

David and Scotty:

Today I am back home in Louisville for a week and mostly recovered from a lot of travel, heat, crowds, and a very good but busy Xaverian Chapter. I am glad I did my touring and vacation part before getting to Rome. I would not have had the energy to visit London, Paris, Basel and Brugge after the Chapter.

The Xaverian Brothers clearly made a distinct shift to becoming a more African congregation while recognizing our past in Belgium, England and the US. The top 2 leadership positions are Americans and the 4 others are African. That makeup was clearly the Africans' choices. They had the majority of delegates.

A highlight of the Chapter was a Papal audience with us and a group of priests in seminary formation. We were able to get the audience through the US Papal Nuncio who requested it for us. Of course, it helped that one of the brothers works for the Nuncio! Being old helped. I had a front row seat.

Attached are 2 pictures of the event. Eventually I hope to get one of actually meeting the Pope. Each of us had that chance. I have sent these out along the way and am not sure if I included you.

Thank you again for your wonderful hospitality and continued assistance to the Congregation with the Mayfield Cemetery. Please extend my thanks and appreciation to the others who joined us at dinner. I don't have contact data for them.

Best wishes and blessings on you, your families and the Old Boys, **Peter**



**Shaun Overy, who played for the VETS around three years ago, was one of the people who tragically died in the recent avalanche in the Alps. Shaun only played for half a season but was well liked by the squad. Shauny Overy + RIP + .**

### **ONGOING UK XAVERIAN ACTIVITY BY FORMER ALUMNI IN ENGLAND**

September and October 2025 marked the end of two significant parts of Xaverian history with the death of the last Belgian (Bro. Adelbert) and English (**Bro. Philip Revell**) Xaverians. The work of our Belgian and English brothers continues in different ways by dedicated lay people. Unlike Belgium, however, there is no formal UK Xaverian presence. It closed years ago. Xaverian UK ministries concluded but Xaverian history has not ended. It continues with Xaverian College in Manchester and St. Francis Xavier Catholic Sixth Form College (Clapham College's successor) in south London. Alumni originally associated with this school remain part of the current SFX school and are known as the Clapham Old Xaverians' Association - COXA. They are assisting the Congregation rehabilitate, maintain and put in place an ongoing maintenance plan for the Mayfield College Xaverian Cemetery, which is over 100 years old. Past plans for the cemetery's maintenance failed and it fell into a sad state - both grave markers destroyed and grounds overgrown.

In recent years there has been a major turnaround that was mentioned before in bulletins but now is an appropriate time to provide some historical context on Clapham and Mayfield Colleges and how the changes occurred. What was almost an out of sight and out of mind issue was brought to the Congregation's attention by COXA. Several COXA members visited Mayfield to pay their respects to former teachers and were saddened by what they saw. They contacted the Generalate offering assistance. This has been ongoing for ten years. A lot of regular work by some of the alumni themselves and contactors they selected and monitored for the Congregation has come to the point that the current property owners - Mayfield Grange - can easily include the cemetery with the Grange's own ground's maintenance.

**Clapham College** was in south London and from there to Mayfield College today is about a 90-minute drive mostly on country roads once you are away from London. These two former Xaverian schools have a very old and illustrious history that predates the existence of most of the current Xaverian schools in the US, and all in Kenya and the DRC.

The Xaverian Brothers came to Clapham College in 1897 and continued directing the school until 1970 when the brothers withdrew. The Archdiocese of Southwark continued the school renaming it St. Francis Xavier Catholic Sixth Form College. Today it is a thriving large school, and the former Clapham College Alumni (COXA) continue their connection with the school. 2026 COXA marks its 100<sup>th</sup> Year anniversary. Besides keeping Xaverian in their title, they named their regular booklet publication Concordia. They honour their war dead and their past masters and pupils at a Remembrance Day Service in the original Xaverian Chapel at the College every November.

To come full circle with Xaverian connections, the school recently added a display of relics in their chapel that were given to a graduate for safekeeping when the Xaverian Generalate moved from the UK to the US. The display has descriptions with it to make the connection to the Xaverian Brothers. The relics were part of the Generalate's chapel in Belgium then Rome, and finally in London. Prior to the US move, the Generalate served as offices and residence. The US site has only offices. Now the relics have a proper display and description in a chapel that also memorializes other Xaverian connections.

**<https://www.claphamoldxaverians.co.uk/news/bro-peter-e-campbell-article-2960323.html>** [ok..if you are not and IT expert..cut and past this into a "search engine"]

## Stuck in the Mud ..and “barred” from Mayfield! [an honest mistake]



As you all know from my articles over the past dozen, or so, years, I have been a regular “visitor” to the Brother’s Cemetery at Mayfield. Just before Christmas, after over 50 visits, hundreds of hours of gardening, £40,000 plus of investment into the graveyard, I encounter my “first hic-up”. Having spent 4 hours down there cutting the grass and tending the graves, my back and neck were as “stiff as a plank”. As I found it impossible to reverse back, I attempted a three-point-turn and got stuck in a sink-hole. The “AA” did arrive 4 hours later, to tow me out, I missed collecting my wife from Gatwick and faced the wrath of two local residents in particular. Unimpressed by my plight!

Fortunately, your Committee paid for the repairs to the lawn. The “trespasser” has been “warned off” and warned of his future conduct, a great pity as it was all done “in the best possible intensions”. Still we wait to see what the summer has in store.....

### I got stuck at Mayfield...literally ...[well my car did ...but 100% stuck]

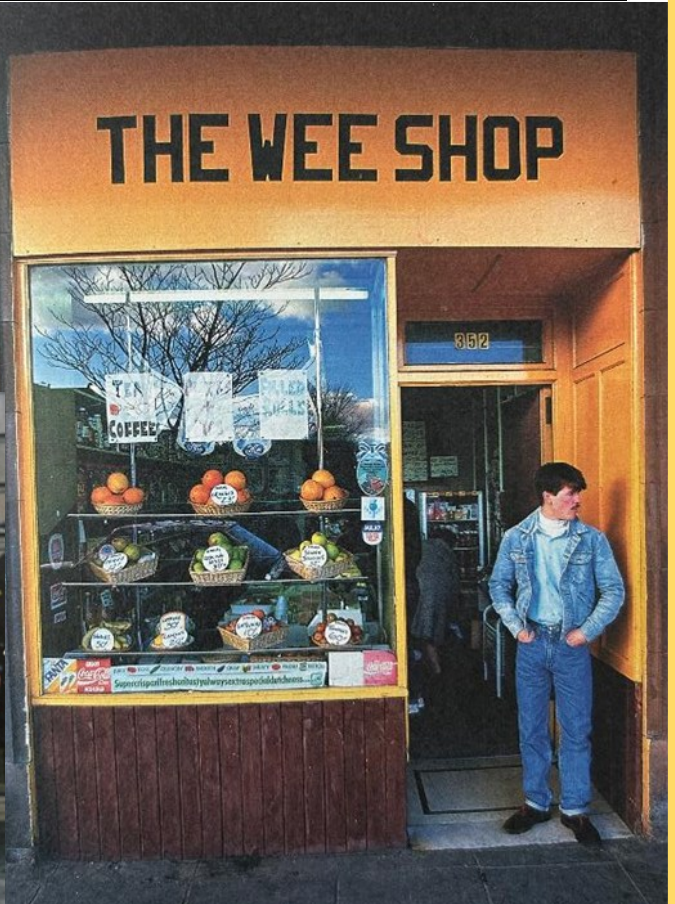
I’ve seen worse...and the concept of error / accident comes into play...but maybe if I had a yellow sports car [or a leather mini-shirt] I might have encountered more support than criticism! I have to thank the many “passers-by” for their sympathy, and offers of help and support. But my overriding memory will be of my utter “hopelessness”. The fantastic work of the AA driver to stop further lawn damage, and the “rudeness & entitlement”!!



Trophies from the Football "end of season" event and our latest Scottish Corner!



Picture 1:AFA Senior South Division 2 champions along with AFA Challenge Cup Champions



“Goodbye Norbury” from Clapham Old Boys who played on the “Hallowed Turf” and were happy to pose for “Team Photographs”



Half these footballers were teachers..can you spot them?



Brilliant 1972 Photograph. Such a happy team. Sad to say over half of these Old Boys have now passed away, may they RIP

THE BEARDS - BOXING DAY 1972 - BACK ROW: BRIAN BAKER, TADEUSZ CIECHANOWICZ, MICK POWDER, WILSON BOWERS, JOCK SMULLEN, GERRY HICKY, TERRY PRICE - FRONT ROW: AL WEBBER, PAUL TEHAN, JOHN MANSI, STANLEY MILLER AND MICK DUFFY.

Two brilliant photographs from the past highlighting the players that stuck with the club when we had only one/two teams and were playing in the lower leagues. That started "the journey"...20 years later we were sending out 9 "NINE" teams as they say on the TV teletex! Sometimes those below played with only ten players; when we had 9 teams players were complaining about not being selected.



I know most of the names below, but I'd like them *all* please, plus "pen pictures" please



1962 School First X1—some real stars there and some no longer with us.

### SPORTS REPORTS



*[Photo: R. Benson.]*

U.15's, 1961-62. Left to right: Back row, Fulker, Cooney, Baker, Utting, Morcombe, Davies (Capt.). Front Row, Sullivan, McMahon, Smith Foy, Keating





**These are some classic football teams and faces from the 1960s and 1970s..please help with names**



# Signing in Book for Norbury - and another footie photo

## C. O. X.A. Sports and Social Club Norbury 1990 VISITORS BOOK

DATE	GUEST
August '93	
4 SEPT 93	Old Wilsonians 1st & 2nd x1
11 Sept 93	Glyn OB Old Donkinians Old St. Mary's
18 Sept	Old Wokingians Chertsey Old Salesians
19th Sep 1994	Old Thorntonians
22nd Sep	Old Addletons Chertsey Old Salesians Old Reigateians



Digging through old box from Norbury I found an old signing in book - 100 sides - two were completed. One is copied above - 98 blank pages. Wasteful?- Or Legally Compliant?

Picture 3: Players player award goes to Liam Thornton



‘The great survivor’: Gillam at Royal & Sun Alliance

Sir Patrick Gillam, who has died aged 92, made a first career with the energy giant BP and a second as a formidably effective and sometimes controversial chairman of Asda, Standard Chartered and Royal Sun Alliance.

Gillam rose through British Petroleum’s ranks as an energetic executive on the supply (rather than exploration) side of the business – admired as a master both of strategy and detail, who always scrutinised numbers in depth before reaching decisions.

Promoted in 1981 from regional director for Africa, Asia and Australasia to managing director, but too close in age to the chairman Sir Peter Walters (two years his senior) to be a candidate for the top, he moved on a decade later, still only 58, to build a corporate portfolio elsewhere.

Advertisement

The Leeds-based supermarket chain Asda, formerly Associated Dairies, could hardly have made a greater contrast to the quiet collegiate corridors of BP headquarters. Gillam was headhunted for the chair after the recently appointed Sir Godfrey Messervy suffered a heart attack; he arrived, a colleague recalled, “to find the floorboards giving way beneath his feet”.

**Sir Patrick Gillam, chairman  
who transformed Asda’s  
fortunes in the 1990s**

## Story from Xaverian College Manchester

# A Clockwork Orange: The infamous legacy of Xaverian College's most infamous student

Will Knights, Reporter

December 5, 2023

Born in 1917 in a quiet suburb north of Manchester city centre, Anthony Burgess is perhaps one of Xaverian college's best known and most notorious alumni. His legendary 1962 novel, *A Clockwork Orange*, is unquestionably a landmark in modern surrealist and dystopian literature. Yet, over half a century later it remains as poignant and confusing as it was when first published.



Described by Burgess as: "a jeu d'esprit knocked off for money in three weeks," the book is written in a dizzying form of futuristic teenage slang called Nadsat. Having spent time as a schoolmaster in colonial Malaya (now Malaysia) and Brunei, Burgess learnt the Malay language to a degree standard. His fascination with Russian literature took him to Leningrad (now St. Petersburg) in 1961 where he learnt the basics of Russian and saw firsthand the elusive inspiration for Orwell's 1984. With this linguistic fascination, Nadsat was born, combining Russian, Romany, and Cockney rhyming slang into a dystopian argot that I admit made reading this book a greater challenge than I first anticipated. Thankfully, the edition I read from came equipped with a glossary making translating this scintillating novel a much easier task.

We'd love a few more of you to join the COXA 400 Club! ...Give it a go—you might win, and you'll definitely be helping out.

## COXA 400 Club Appeal

We'd love a few more of you to join the COXA 400 Club! Like everyone else, we're feeling the pinch with rising costs, and with our membership getting a little older (and sadly losing some great supporters along the way), we really do rely on the 400 Club to keep things ticking over. Our events are great fun, but they're run to break even—not make money—so this is our main lifeline.

If you haven't got a ticket in the monthly draw yet, now's the time to jump in. It's just £1 a month (minimum £12 a year)—so £24 for two tickets, £36 for three, or any multiple of 12 if you're feeling lucky.

And speaking of luck... the rewards can be pretty tasty. One ticket could win up to £2,250 in a year! There's £100 up for grabs every month, £250 in June, and a nice £1,000 in January. Not bad for a quid—and the odds are pretty decent too.

You can set up a monthly direct debit with your bank for £1, £2, or £3, or pay annually to:

Clapham Old Xaverian Association Sport and Social Club

Sort Code: 09-01-55

Account Number: 83056903

Give it a go—you might win, and you'll definitely be helping out. Thanks a lot!



## Sir Patrick Gillam RIP Clapham College 1943 to 1950 - continued

The true picture of Gillam was of a top-class executive who demanded high standards and was not afraid of a fight, but who was also, as his Asda colleague summed up, “unfailingly sunny-side-up, with a deft touch in boardroom diplomacy. I doubt whether in the whole business world he had any enemies.”

Patrick John Gillam was born in London on April 15 1923 to Cyril Gillam – a printworker whose own father was a piano tuner – and his wife Mary, née Davis.

Patrick was educated at Clapham College, a Roman Catholic grammar school founded by the Xaverian Brothers. He went on to read history at the London

School of Economics, where he was later a long-serving member of the court of governors.

After National Service in the Army, including a posting to Korea, he won a place in the Foreign Office in 1956 but stayed only a year before moving to BP.

He was vice-president of BP North America from 1971 to 1974 and became a director of BP Trading in 1978. In his final role as one of several group managing directors, he was also chairman of BP Shipping and oversaw diversifications in coal, minerals and nutrition.

After BP, Gillam took the chair of the sugar giant Booker Tate and a directorship of Commercial Union, as well as his more prominent boardroom roles – the last of which, from 1997 to 2003, was the chairmanship of Royal & Sun Alliance, the insurance group formed by a 1996 merger.

His firm hand was exercised once more in crunching the parties together and bringing in a new-broom American chief executive, Bob Mendelsohn – who had to be ousted in 2002 to persuade shareholders to support a capital-raising. But once again, wrote a [City](#) columnist, “Sir Patrick, the great survivor, stays on.”

Gillam was knighted in 1998. He was chairman of International Chamber of Commerce UK, chairman of the Asia House think-tank and a trustee of Queen Elizabeth’s Foundation for the Disabled.

In private life he turned his enthusiasm to the beautiful garden he created with his wife Diana – née Echlin, a New Yorker whom he met and married during a first posting to the US in 1963 – at their moated manor house in Suffolk. Lady Gillam survives him with their daughter, Janey, and son, Luke.

**Sir Patrick Gillam, born April 15 1923, died September 29 2025**

Patrick – Clapham College 1944-1950, good “A” Levels won a place at the LSE, then the Foreign Office. Businessman at BP; knighted by the Queen RIP Patrick

Vocation from the 1970s...."Can I become a Xaverian Brother?"

Vocation  
Book Mark



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Patron of the Xaverian Brothers  
Teachers of Youth

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Apologies to the Old Xaverian for taking the time and effort to think of giving this artifact to me. But at the Lunch I'm useless, Scotty

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Clapham College

At a Provincial Chapter held at Mayfield, Easter, 1896, under the presidency of the Provincial, Brother Gabriel, it was decided, subject to episcopal permission, to open a secondary school at Clapham, London, S.W. The needed permission was readily granted; a fine detached house overlooking the Common was bought, and building the college proper was commenced.

On August 25, 1897, the premises were blessed and opened by Bishop (afterwards Cardinal) Bourne, and the school started its career of distinguished usefulness. Brother Gabriel, in charge during the first years, was succeeded by Brother Cuthbert, of revered memory, and he in turn by Brother Bernardine.

Probably no house in the Province is so well known. The Xaverian College, Brighton, was opened March 25, 1909, with the ready concurrence of the Bishop of the diocese. Brighton and Hove have a population of some 200,000, and a Catholic secondary school was an urgent need.

The latest addition to the Houses of the Province is the Preparatory School at Waldron, Sussex. The Manor House, a fine, spacious building, is entirely devoted to the home-

Small pieces of "Memorabilia" from a bygone age. These were handed to me at the Lunch..along with cash and other requests. Can I beg that if you are carrying valuable items or great ideas or stories, write them **ON A PIECE OF PAPER** and hand it to me! **I DRINK ALCOHOL** at the Lunch and get home at midnight "Dribbling"  
...Ed **donmiamac**  
**1234@sky.com**

Scotty

# BUILDING HEROES



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London Marathon

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## Arthur Williams

### My Story

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## Arthur William Marathon – fund-raising

If you get your Concordia late in April, no worries you can still sponsor him

# Arthur Williams - London Marathon - 26th April 2026

Frank Barretta

22 Mar - 16:15

← SHARE

Old Boy Arthur Williams will be running for his chosen charity, "Building Heroes" Please support him if you can, it will be greatly appreciated.

Please support him if you can...[\\*DONATION PAGE LINK\\*](#)

*A note from Arthur...*

For those of you who don't know me (...and there aren't that many ed.), my name is Arthur Williams. I attended the college from 1974-79, and my claim to fame might be that I was the last student to be still wearing the blue blazer, as my mother would say, you'll grow into it!

I was an active footballer and tourist for the old boys up until emigrating to Australia in 1996. Since that time, I've lived mainly in Melbourne but also in Auckland NZ for 4 years, I have worked in every capital city in Australia and NZ and have enjoyed a career in construction over that time.

Melbourne's claim to fame, other than the mighty MCG cricket ground, is that we were the most locked down city in the world during the covid-19 pandemic, during which time we were permitted to exercise outdoors for no more than one hour per day within a 5K radius from home, hence my late in life taking up running.

I have completed the Melbourne marathon three times and recently ran the Gold Coast marathon. I'm not setting any land speed records but I have achieved qualifying age group times for the London Marathon, however entering the ballot for the London Marathon is a whole other story, harder to get into than the Bon Bonne on a Saturday night!

Which brings me to this year, as you know, my brother Brendan started a charity, Building Heroes many years ago and I have followed with interest from afar the good work that they do.

The opportunity to run the marathon back in my old stomping ground in front of family and friends and for a good cause was too good to pass up so I have enrolled to raise as much money as I can for Building Heroes.

I very much appreciate the opportunity to share this story, some old boys are aware and have already sponsored me, (you know who you are) but I can only ask that if anyone else was kind enough to donate, I can promise this: I will run the course in true COXA style and spirit.



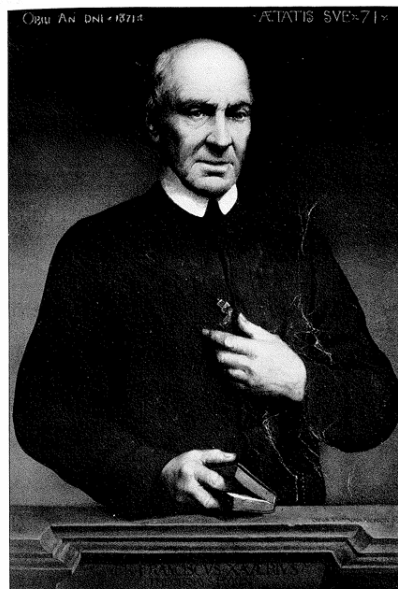
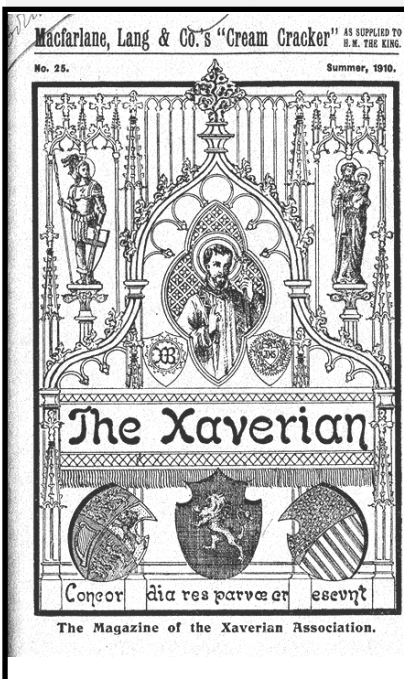
2nd February 2026

Dear Scotty

Many thanks for the Clapham Old Xaverians 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Magazine. It was wonderful to read through it. You have done a wonderful job on it and I will treasure it for years.

I was at Clapham College from 1956 – 1961 and I look back on those years with fondness. It was headed by Brother Peter at the time and in around my last year Brother Cajetan also joined the school. Apparently he used to teach Brother Peter. He was a little bit excitable and used to shout at the boys quite a lot. In fact there were many characters – Cecil Pocock and Mr Gibb were very popular with the boys. Mr.Blight who taught Maths used to strike terror with the boys with his glass eye. He would ask a really hard maths question and go round the class asking for the answer. We would all pretend to search for the answer without any luck. He would then say “ok Gilhooley tell them “ He was the class boff and answered it without effort.

All in all I can honestly say that it was a wonderful experience being at Clapham College and a very sad day when years later they did away with the grammar school element and turned it into a 6<sup>th</sup> form college. Still, I was there in the best days. Regards Steven Fitzgerald [cheque for the brochure, enclosed.]



THEODORE JAMES RYKEA (BROTHER FRANCIS XAVIER),  
FOUNDER OF THE XAVERIAN BROTHERS. BORN 1797, DIED 1871.

Following some research online at the Notre Dame Archives in the USA, I found a series of Xaverian magazines. The Xaverian was the publication for the Brothers in the U.K.. The first one was printed in 1901. The sequence I have covers Numbers 1 to 32; 1901 to 1912. More to follow once I have read them. A fabulous source for “Our Archive”  
Scotty

As part of our 100th Anniversary celebrations, we are delighted to announce a special reunion event at St. Francis Xavier College on Sat 1st August.



## Return to Clapham College – Centenary Celebration Invitation

Returning to the site of Clapham College will be a marvellous opportunity for those who haven't been back in years to take a nostalgic stroll down memory lane.

A variety of activities will be scheduled throughout the afternoon, and we warmly encourage all Xaverians to save the date. As attendance may be limited, we kindly ask you to reserve your place in advance by emailing Scotty at [coxascottycorner@hotmail.com](mailto:coxascottycorner@hotmail.com).

When replying, please indicate whether you will attend as a “one” or a “two” (partners and brothers are very welcome—perhaps they will finally discover what all the ‘Clapham College’ stories are about!).

Further details will follow shortly—so please keep an eye out for updates.

Light refreshments and possibly a modest selection of alcoholic beverages will be available.

The event will run from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm, with the option to continue afterwards at The George (now The Avalon) just around the corner.




Please enjoy the Clapham Old Xaverians Association's 100<sup>th</sup>-year celebration brochure. This one-off publication has cost us nearly £10 a copy to produce. Add to this the cost of postage, and I [Scotty] am almost £2,000 over budget on this project.

If you can, would you think about sending **ten, fifteen or twenty pounds** to **COXA HSBC Balham; Sort Code: 400107; Account No: 90232459**, or if not, please send some postage stamps to help cover some of the costs;[a few dozen already have!] post to...**Don Macdonald, 12, Farrow Drive, Barnham, West Sussex, PO22 0FN.** Browse through the booklet, enjoy it, comment, Scotty [donmiamac1234@sky.com](mailto:donmiamac1234@sky.com)

Two "slots" of news from Xaverian College Manchester in this issue - they were THE great Xaverian force in England. Now no Old Boys, but some great literature produced by them!

We waited until our 100th year to create new memorabilia, Xaverian College Manchester produce items every year.

THE CATHOLIC LIFE & MISSION OF



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**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER**

Patron Saint of Xaverian College, Priest and Apostle to the Far East Missionary

7th April 1506 (Spain) - 3rd December 1552 (China)

*"No one can ever excel in great things who does not first excel in small."*




Born in 1506 in Spain, St Francis Xavier was one of the original members of the Society of Jesus, alongside St Ignatius of Loyola.

He took vows of poverty and chastity and devoted his life to spreading the love and word of God.

Recognised as one of the greatest Christian missionaries, he preached in Goa, Southeast Asia, and Japan, where he arrived in 1549.

He learned Japanese and established a Church that endured despite intense persecution. In 1552, while travelling from Goa to China, he died before reaching his destination.



**THEODORE JAMES RYKEN**

Founder of the Xaverian Brothers

30th August 1797 (Netherlands) - 26th November 1871 (Belgium)

*"If I were to give you some sound advice it would be to continue to trust in God, for when we often think that everything is going badly, then it frequently happens that success is quite close."*

The Congregation of the Brothers of St Francis Xavier was founded by Theodore James Ryken in Bruges, Belgium, in 1839.

Throughout history, the command of Jesus Christ - "Go, teach all nations" - has inspired countless men and women to dedicate their lives to mission and service.

The 19th century was one of the most significant missionary periods in the history of the Church, and Belgium produced more missionaries than many larger European nations.

Ryken's vision for his congregation was broad and ambitious. His early plans included educating deaf and mute children in Europe, engaging in agricultural and artisanal work with Native Americans, teaching in schools, and ministering to prisoners and those excluded from society.

His guiding principle was clear: to serve the Church wherever the need was greatest.

Concordia Res Parvae Crescunt + In Harmony Small Things Grow +




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St. Francis Xavier



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Theodore Ryken

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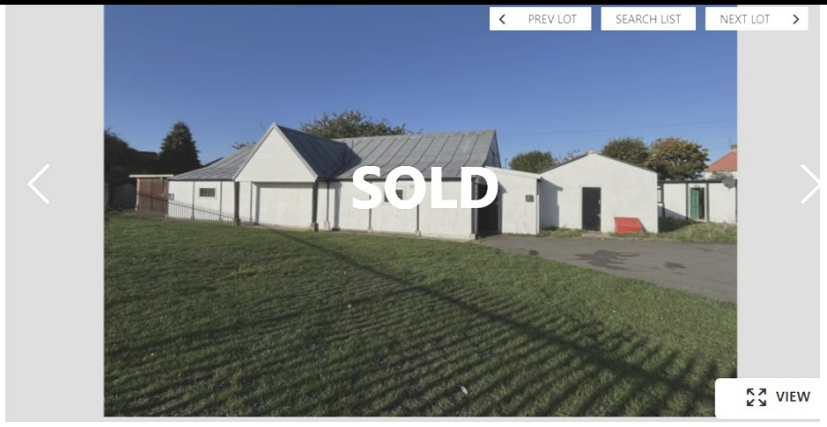
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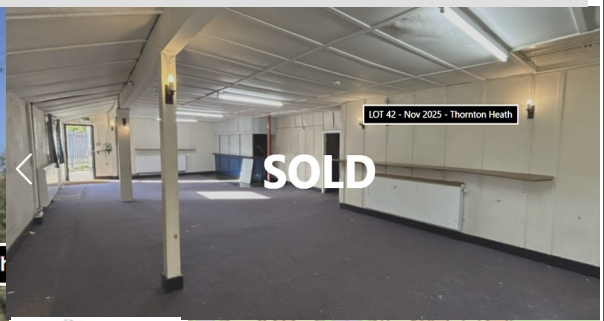
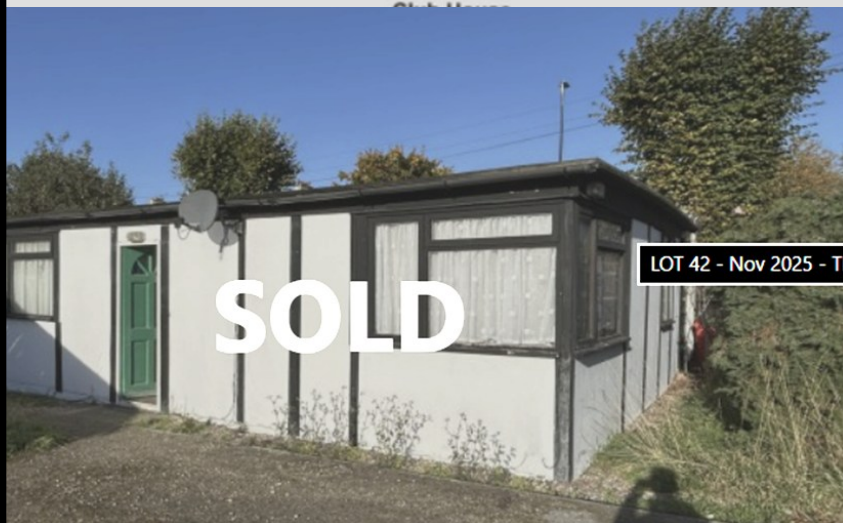
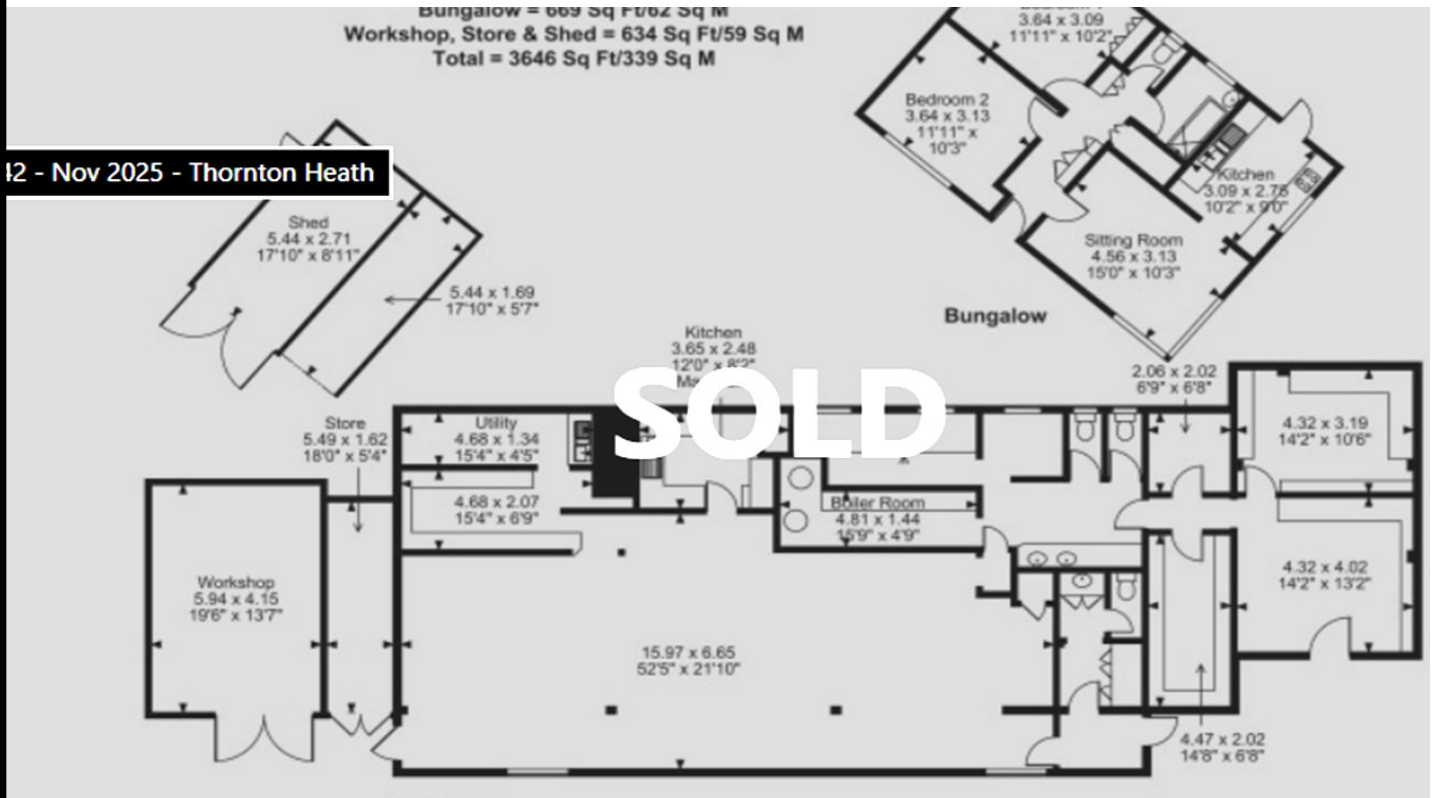
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Nobody will ever go to Norbury again; but if you are driving past have a "peek" over the wall and take a snap and what about the field? [Primary School play area?]



*Stand ready to answer when God asks  
if you are available for Him to become more present  
in your life and through you to the world.*  
Fundamental Principles of the Xaverian Brothers



Picture 4: 2024/25 top goal scorer with 29 goals goes to Joe Hart

Pictures 5: Young player of the season goes to Sam Cockwell.

# Personalia - "The "Jottings" of Clapham Old Boys



[or letters to the Editor]



John, my only comment [apart from the why did you pose for this photo?] Did you have to wear the shirt you won in the Raffle?

The guys in the photo were all in the College 1973 intake. Far left is **Louis Blair**. Louis was with me at St Vincent's infant school then St Mary's Clapham. Next is **Terry Boylan**, me [**John McGowan**] then **Joe Williams**. Did any family provide more Clapham boys than the Williams? Last two are **Franco Cornelly** and **Mike Barker**, both of whom were at St Mary's as well and it is fantastic to see these boys 50 plus years on. Joking apart, John is a great contributor of articles...[short, but poignant]



Hi Scotty, just read the latest Concordia. Every edition brings back memories. In the previous edition I spotted reference to **Maurice Dyer** in the exchanges between **Pat Furey**, **Dave Murtagh** (one of my 1st XI captains) and **Chris Grudniewicz**. Maurice was my brother-in-law who sadly died over 20 years ago. He grew up in the same flats in Brixton that housed the **Butlers** and **McElligotts**. [I suppose "a Grammar School" was the making of those lads!]

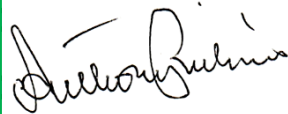
**Arthur's [Williams]** piece [on his marathon sponsorship] and his reference to **Tommy Cauneen** brought to mind a fine family with three Clapham boys and two sisters at La Retraite. Mrs Cauneen came from the same village in Ireland as my mum and they were at school together. ....*is there more? John is "flying".....*

# The personal "Personalia" quest of John McGowan...continued....

The cricket photos in the last edition include staffers from my early Clapham years. **Don Kuligowski** was my form teacher in the first year (1973) when the class included **Franco Cornelli** , **Gerry Lamb** , **Dave Munns** and other reprobates !!! Saw **Gerry** in Purley recently. **Kuligowski** wore high waisted trousers and a denim blazer as standard teacher uniform. drowned in after shave. Good History teacher and a good sense of humour.

**Paul Davison** came over from St Gerard's on the merger and was inspirational to those of us who were more focused on school football than our studies !! I remember the day I called in to tell Paul that I had an interview for the job that I would remain in for the next 42 years. He was concerned to know if I had a suit to wear and offered the suit he was wearing. Those like **Bobby Maxwell** who will remember Paul will know that he was not the smartest dresser!! but a great man. Not sure I'd have got the job if I had worn his suit. ...I could go on, but I won't ..

**John ["the scribe"] McGowan**

GOVERNING BODY OF CLAPHAM COLLEGE		Dear Parents			
CHAIRPERSON:	Rev. Fr. A. Richins	<p>Our Annual Report is particularly encouraging. Clapham College is now completing its second year at Battersea. The date of closure some two years away is happily not being approached in any spirit of decline. Curriculum, service to the community and personal development continue to be realised at a good level. We are fortunate to have a dedicated teaching and support staff. The presence of staff and pupils in this parish is very welcome and it is an agreeable duty to be associated with them from my point of view as Parish Priest, as Governor and as a former pupil.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>  <p>Fr. Anthony Richins</p>			
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The next election of a Parent Governor will be held in September 1987.					

# Personalia: - more letters to the Editor

Dear Scotty The only names I recognise as I saw them play were....  
 John Charles who was probably the first footballer to go abroad to seek fame and fortune, he went to Juventus and I think known as the gentle giant.  
 Tommy Docherty – Chelsea, Man U, Derby etc he was the first type of “famous one” managing a variety of clubs, I remember his son used to play as well and both of them used to come to our church.  
 Graham Leggat a Fulham loyal he was at the club for many years a winger I think – those were the days Johny Haynes, Graham Leggat, George Cohen, Bobby Robson, Jim Langley. I spent my formative years watching Fulham & Chelsea on Saturdays.  
 Kind regards **Ted [Corrigan]**

*As did I Osgood Tambling Bridges Dempsey Harris and Charlie Cooke! Not forgetting Toney Macedo. Rodney Marsh, “Sniffer” Clarke the centre half and George Cohen! .. life was so simple in those days, Scotty*

## Jim McLoughlin

I was only an honorary COXA footballer for a short period in the late 80's and early 90's, so maybe you can help me understand how I still get so much enjoyment from Concordia? It makes no sense! That said, please keep me on the email list...the connection to family and friends far away is really valuable.

All the best, Jim McLoughlin [Old Salesian]

“No worries Jim” - you are “one of us” ... an Honorary One ..for Life [tough]

## Mike O'Flynn

Hi Scotty

My middle son Liam played in a the Arthur Dunn Cup final. The cup is the 2<sup>nd</sup> knockout cup in British football after the FA Cup. Anyway the cup final was at Taylor's. It went to extra time but no one told the groundsman who switched sprinklers! Anyway Tonbridge won and Liam scored the winning penalty.

Cheers

Mick



Plaque found by Phil Roderick Jones in Notre Dame, Paris, [I love it] looks like a space filler.

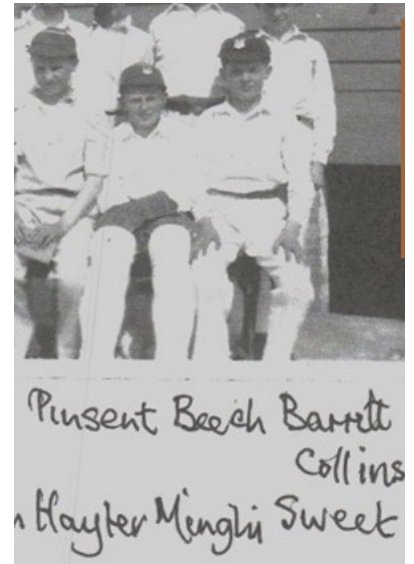
## Suppose it is!



From Ann Minghi Dear Scotty,

What a surprise, a lovely, sentimental one, to see my Christmas letter in the summer issue of "Concordia", relating Julian's final life chapter which ended on July 10, 2024. days before his 91st birthday (He was born July 26, 1933).

Although residing in the USA for most of his adult life, having come to study political geography as a graduate student at the University of Washington , upon his retiring from the University of South Carolina (where he chaired the Geography department for 17 years )we were able to spend more time in London. He very much looked forward to attending COXA events, although his closest pals became ever more scarce.

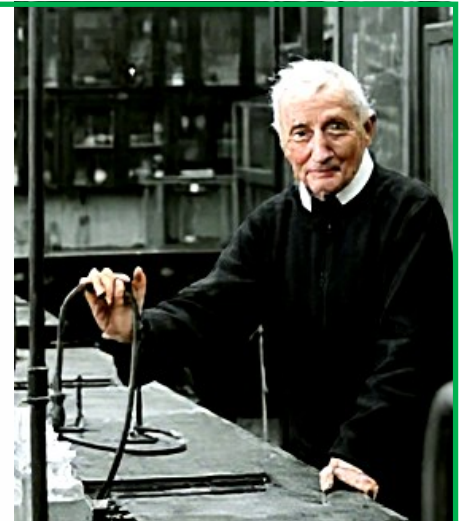


Teaching in an autumn political geography course at UCL meant that we were ending our stay in November, attending the Remembrance Day Mass, with lunch that followed, was a special treat, and overjoyed to be in attendance for Father Michael Creech's service. Michael, Tony Morrish and Peter Hughes were Julian's special favourites. Also Nino and Brian .(Who am I forgetting???) and of course, "social being " that he was, new faces were added to the favourite list. Thank you so much for sending me the summer issue of Concordia. I would understand if that issue was the final one to The Minghi home.

Again, thank you for including Julian in your summer 2025 issue. Sincerely, Lee Minghi,

Remembering our "old"  
Clapham College teachers  
"gone but not forgotten"

### Brother Dunstan



- **BROTHER DUNSTAN** (James Hill)
- Born: Alston, Lancashire, England, January 2, 1885
- Died: Mayfield, England, March 2, 1979
- 
- Patriarchal Brother Dunstan died at ninety-four, having been a member of the Congregation for seventy-nine years. He had entered in 1900 from Mayfield where he and his brother John were enrolled. His life had been Clapham College where he taught chemistry from 1914 until his retirement in 1950. He remained on in residence until we disposed of the property in 1970. His subsequent days were a cross of deprivation. Clapham Common, Nightingale Lane, and Clapham College were his sinew and bone. He was lost even at Mayfield, especially when his eyesight failed. Death spared him from his great dread -- a nursing home

A "random" page - like many others you might feel

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Xaverian "Golden Ticket". Mullane in the snow, A missing boy found in an old Concordia. Aidan, the cricketer & Terry Clegg - no fruitcake!



Scotty, well done on another brilliant 'Concordia', you have a real talent. I can fill in the names on the photo with Tom Marshall. (I thought you might have got me!)

**Back row:** Frank Hixson, Tchaikovsky, Al Shea, Ian Hamil, Brian Baker, Chris Fisher, Tom Marshall (Umpire)

**Front Row:** Andy Davies, Aidan Coletta, Brian Campbell, Tony Gray

Regards Aidan

Photo below, "warning" Terry Clegg is a "slash and burn" gardener.



Young Aidan



Scotty, Thank you I received it today in the post. On page 22 you have no names for Cecil's photo of A cricket team at Norbury. I have the same photo - see it below and on the back it has all the names: 1964, Clapham College 1st X1, Norbury



Back L-R Michael Morcombe  
Mr Cecil Pocock ✓ Len Staines Bill Haley  
John Utting Alan Fulker Mickey Bench  
Phil Schwenk . Fulker

Front row L-R  
Brian Baker, Chris Smith, Andy Davis, Mickey Foy,  
Terry Sullivan.

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1964  
Norburn, London.  
Clapham College 1st XI  
Cricket

So, we have, Cecil Pocock, Michael Morcombe, Len Staines. Bill Haley, John Utting, Alan Fulker, Mickey Bench, Phil Schwenk, Front - Brian Baker, Chris Smith, Andy Davis, Mickey Foy, Terry Sullivan

The young short haired fella being served a **Bren burger** in the photo on the front cover is me in what was probably my first season playing for COXA 1980/81. **John McGowan [any idea on "the nose"?**



## Contact from “old” Old Boys - [some] great memories

Hi Scotty, My name is **John Conway**, I started at Clapham College in 1949 I think in 2 Alpha. Teachers that I remember are **Mr McLoughlin**, (English). **Bill Blight** (of the one glass eye) Maths, **Bro Dunstan**, Chemistry, **Bro Nicholas** Head master until he resigned and ran off!). He was replaced by **Bro Joseph** who went to Nyasaland. We maintained a great correspondence until he was killed by a lightning strike while on a school excursion. I still have the copy of “Imitation of Christ” that he gave me when he left.

There was also **Mr Barrier** for Physics. We had also a great Chemistry teacher whose name escapes me but we called him “**Conk**” and I was so embarrassed when my mother rocked up for a parent teacher thing and asked to speak with Mr “Conk”.

A couple of other teachers come to mind, **Mr Smith** (French) A totally lost cause. **Mr Sebastian**, no idea what he taught. **Mr Pocock** taught me briefly .

Most boys we only knew by their surnames. There was **Brian Smith** who joined the Canadian Airforce, **Philip Gunn**, **Peter McDermot** or was it **Brian McDermot** ? **Spoor (Tony?)**, **Chute (Terry?)**. There was also an English/Latin teacher, whose name escapes me. He would come into class and say "Booay, elevate your self to the perpendicular"!

**Henry Pinsent** I knew because we both went to Imperial College, we had an interest in Athletics. **Paul Du Feu** was school captain in 1951. I emigrated to Australia in 1965 where I learned that Paul was briefly married to Germaine Greer, an Australian author, high in the public conscience at the time. I left the school around 1954 or 1955.

I was saddened to learn that the Nightingale Lane campus was closed on a visit back to the UK a few years ago. I was minded to make a contact because of a random conversation I was having this am with my youngest son who is now in his 50s. I have recently had my 90th birthday and realise that there may not be many of my era around but I would love to make contact.

Regards to all Old Xaverians,

**John Conway**

Scotty

Many thanks for sharing this with me. **Julian [Mingli]** was an early hero of mine. He was a friend of my brother, **Tony**, and an admirer of my sister, Ann. My memory is that he did National Service at about the same time as Tony, but took the opportunity to gain the qualifications needed to go to Durham University on completion.

I was thrilled to meet him at the Annual Remembrance Day Mass some years ago after having lost touch with him for many years. I last spoke to him at the Union Jack Club in 2023 when he was in good form and seemingly indestructible. May he rest in peace. I am an avid reader of obituaries [*you should have enjoyed the last few editions of Concordia then!*]; I noticed that the actor **Ray Brooks** was an old boy - of Xaverian College, Brighton. I am told that there was an obituary of **Brian Baldock** in the Telegraph. Brian was at Clapham with my brother and a guest of my brother-in-law, **Peter Hughes**, some years ago at the Chairman’s Lunch at the Oval. Congratulations on the latest editions of Concordia. Keep up the good work. Best wishes, **Alec Morrish**

*[Alex was the editor of Concordia before me – he’s just being kind!]*

*I hope I have remember my house correctly, I remember the colour was green and Nick ??, my house captain went into politics and I am glad my wife made me give up. I spent my life in Aviation (Avionics) Maintenance in many roles.*

*Canterbury in Melbourne..That was a lot of work Don.*

*May Christmas be a blessing for you and all your family.*

*I have been a Lay Dominican for around 40 years here in Melbourne.*

*Martin*

**Mr Martin Chatfield OP**

Returning to an old theme that never really goes away, nor never will it be totally fulfilled. Many Old Boys would bump into me at the Remembrance Service or the Chairman's Lunch and recite from memory their "class register" flawlessly in Alphabetical Order. In the manner of their Class Teacher - Surnames only!

The "Registers" were not Clapham Documents, I'm sure the green Clapham College registered required by the ILEA were "binned"; the boy's files [we did have them didn't we?] were shredded. I'm sure "some" of the teachers "took" the Register before each lesson [made that lesson 5 minutes shorter after all]. The "Registers" I have are not in any way official, they were constructed through Old Boys memories and "recollection! I found many others in Prize Night Programmes / "O" Level and GCSE results So sometimes the actual "Years" got a bit mixed up.

No name has been made-up, but might not be "exactly" in the correct year. Football and Cricket teams names of players were also used to create the registers. [Were some guests? Family Members? Or distant relations? Who knows!]

I'd say they are **90/95%** accurate....but then again I would Names sometimes "allocated" to likely "Years"..

In my records class names can appear to be spread across four years in the same decade. Xaverians have highlighted names they recognised. And added others..

The year you started and left is handy, many are unsure! What class were you A or Alpha? Later Years were given English Martyr's names

Which brings me to the list of names below. Sent in recently by someone who cares! But as usual I have lost the name! All was fine until my laptop "motherboard crashed" and is now in the bin! I [well a friend" found 95% of my COXW "Desktop" work on my "hard-drive" whatever that is! Unfortunately this article and series of responses was damaged. So if you sent me the "following" please get in touch.

**Liam Barnes, Sean Beatty, Damian Brook 1977-83? John Cronin 1977-84**

**Robert Maloney Paul MEGGYESI 1977-83 Michael O'Sullivan 1974-1982**

**Lawrence Peek 1977.....Keith Sheehan 1976.....**

**I was in Colin Garvey's form class (I am 60 now) Born i1964 – started in 1975.**

If you want to get in touch to send you a copy of what I think made up the pupils in your Year at Clapham, please email me and I will send you the Excel file. Highlight areas that are wrong, add details that will improve the record. Add/Amend names that are incorrect.

Thanks again Scotty

**"Coxascottyeditor@hotmail.com"**

## Updating the Clapham College Register Lists in the Old Xaverian Archive

I sent an email to Gary Morris attaching a list of names I have in his year for 1972...it will never be the "full list of names. Gary provided his memories and eventually I will confirm them in my "Archived Class lists". If all Xaverians did this the Class Lists for Clapham College would be nearer a "true" reflection of those lads who sat next to us in class. Also those "next door whether "A" or "Alpha"

If you wish to "join my game" email me and I will send you the Class List I have for your year and you can update any errors or add "missing names".

If I have added anyone in "Your Year" who should not be there, I will shift it, but not delete it, I will never remove a name completely, they are an "Ex-Clapham College boa". I've just misplaced him!

"Gary Please send me any names that you feel are missing. The Year lists are put together by people like yourself who get in touch and send me the names they remember.

There are only 49 names on your class lists, so at least 17 are missing...

If you recall if they are "A" or "Alpha" ..that would help me".

Hopefully, you can fill some of my gaps

I paid to join so o am guessing this is the annual subs don? I recognise the names or most of them quite a few on my class not on the list o could

Send a list if you like ? Scotty

Hi Scotty I was in 1 Alpha 1972 the register as I recall it.....

**Berterolli Brown Corrigan Crawford Davis Dillon Dolan Durnin Fidczuk  
Gibbons Gunaratne Hennely Hussey Jordan Killiea Linehan Meardee  
Meckay Madden Millet Morris O'Brien O'Sullivan Phelan Poer Rostaint  
Slattery Smith Steiner Valley Walsh Wheeler** Happy new year Gary Morris

Below is a snippet I have "cut" from the COXA Archive 1972 – requires updating from Gary's list

Baldesan	A	Fernandez	A
Berterolli	Alpha	Fitzgerald Tony	A
Black William [Bill]	A	Fidzuk R	Alpha
Blauvert Chris	A	Gibbons	Alpha
Brown	Alpha	Gordon	A
Byrne Tony	A	Guneratne R	Alpha
Coggins Kieron	Alpha	Hefer Steve	A
Corrigan	Alpha	Hennely	Alpha
Connelly Stephen	A	Hussey Tony	Alpha
Cox Noel	A	Holland Jonathan	A
crawford	Alpha	Jayasuria Calistus	A
Currell Terry "Gus"	A	Jordan Adrien	Alpha
Davis	Alpha	Kennedy Jim	A
Delaney John	A	Killilea Brenda	Alpha
Dillon	Alpha	Leathem John	A
Dolan Jed	Alpha	Linehan	Alpha
Donoghue Pete	A	Lopko Bernard	A
Dowling Tony	A	Madden Paul	Alpha
Durnin	Alpha	Maloney Eamon	A
Edison	A	McCoy Eddie	Alpha

**Bill Haley playing cricket at Norbury, batting I think - [in the 1960s]**



**Bill Haley**

Scotty, reference my previous email I have one other photo that was taken the same day as the team photo. That is me batting.

Can you tell me what date is on Cecil's photo of the team photo, to check that the year on it is also 1964. I have a doubt. It might have been 1962 when we were in the 5th form rather than 1964 when we were in the 6th form.

One other answer I can give you is in the cricket photo on page 20. Bottom left on his haunches is Andy Davis.

This was the 1st X1 in 1963.

Is that **Tony Cleaver** on extreme RHS in bottom row?

Note that **Brian Baker and Andy Davis** were very good cricketers and although in the lower sixth at the time they played in the 1st X1. All the other cricketers there were upper sixth.

I am now more convinced that the date of the team photo, taken with Cecil in it, is 1964 and it is the 5th form X1. Just look at **Andy Davis** - he is a man in the Tom photo and a boy in the Cecil photo- seated in middle as he was captain. **Bill Haley** - Charterhouse savvy. [not Ai]

Thank you for the stamps Robert Murphy, from the US of A. There were a dozen others including John Ryan and Gerry Taggart. Cash also sent in to cover the cost of Concordia and the 100th Century Booklet. Thanks to all, Scotty



**Alan Keating. Great supporter of Clapham and creator of dozens of  
“enhanced” Clapham photographs and IT creations.**

**The “AK” Alan Keating Story goes like this: -**

.I've been into **Amateur Photography** since forever.

I was the **London-Brighton Veteran Car Run Photographer of the Year 2010.**

**I was National Rifle Association UK, Official Photographer 2004 - 2011.**

The Media has changed over the years and so have I: currently, old and knackered. Now in the Digital Age, crunching numbers works for me, with my trusty 5-laptops, 2-W11, 2-W10, 1-Vista (for Archive Software); why five? because I don't decommission 'me and then bin 'me. It's a good homeopathic test of my brain; now in later life?

**In 1978, I was UK National Long-Range Pistol Champion** and have a B&W photo of me receiving the Trophy from the OC Royal Marines Poole.

**In 1986, I donated the Winning Revolver a S&W 44Magnum to the Imperial War Museum.**

Recently, it occurred to me that 1986 was half my current lifetime ago.

I contacted the IWM, with a view to be reacquainted with the .44Magnum. It's a 'no-go', Now a Prohibited Weapon not to be accessed by the public.

**I suggested a resolution:** Exhibit the 44Magnum in a Display Case on the Museum Floor, for a short season; it's what museums do. I, along with members of the public could view the item. I attached coloured images, as below; to add narrative to the 1986 donation. Awaiting a reply?

**I like my PHOTOSHOP. All my tweaks start with kicking the image through Photoshop.**

**The B&W Photo** re-engineered in **Photoshop** and by **Online AI Tools** and they do the job, I'm now in colour.

**COXA Archive. B&W Images Galore.** Let's see what AK & AI can do for a 'shed load' of Cherished B&W Images?

I was increasingly impressed with the incrementing results, of my selected images. The rest they say, is history.

Online Resources AI (Select the Tool required): -

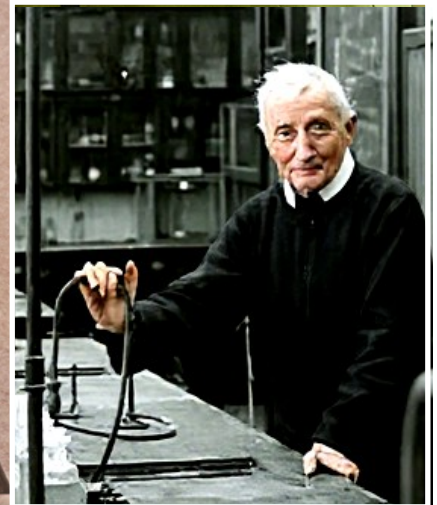
Gigapixel AI - <https://gigapixelai.com/>

NanoBanana - <https://imgupscaler.ai/nano-banana-photo-restoration/>

**Attached. Coloured AK, B&W AK, .44Magnum, IWM Catalogue Entry.**

Alan has created so many Clapham and World War photos for the Old Boys that we cannot produce them all in Concordia, I have added a few after this note. Frank has added many on the Clapham Old Xvaerian Website. The photos have been improved in quality, and colour added using “AI”. He is a talented man, but his skills makes my mind boggle!

# AK with his "Smith & Western" - and a sample of his Ai Skills



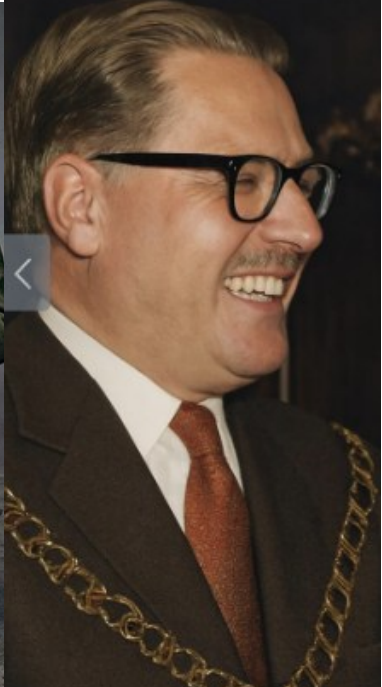
1915 Lyndhurst Rd

These really need to be viewed online, as do many of the resources in this Concordia.

The quality is sometimes not great and the size of font might be small or blurred.

View this on either of the Xaverian Websites.

“More of AK and his Ai Photography”





One of my favourite Clapham Old Xaverian football photographs - a real action shot, no idea who took this brilliant photograph. **Alan Webber** being tackled - rather than “tackling”. **Peter Brown** with those massive “home-made” shinpads. **Vic** looking on in the background. Norbury with some grass on the pitch and spectators—are we talking 1980s? It is in colour. The famous “hooped” shirt! And..who were the opponents? Any thoughts? Any Photos you’d like to send me. Scotty [\[COXAEditorScotty@hotmail.com\]](mailto:COXAEditorScotty@hotmail.com)





Xaverian schools and colleges around the world, study them and marvel at the diversity of locations.

Their links to the Xaverian Brothers might be in "name only"...but what a NAME



San Fran



Bangalore



Nuvali Philippines

