



# Concordia

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John McCrae part of the COXA Trip in June

Iconic memorabilia  
from our COXA  
Battlefield Tour to Lille



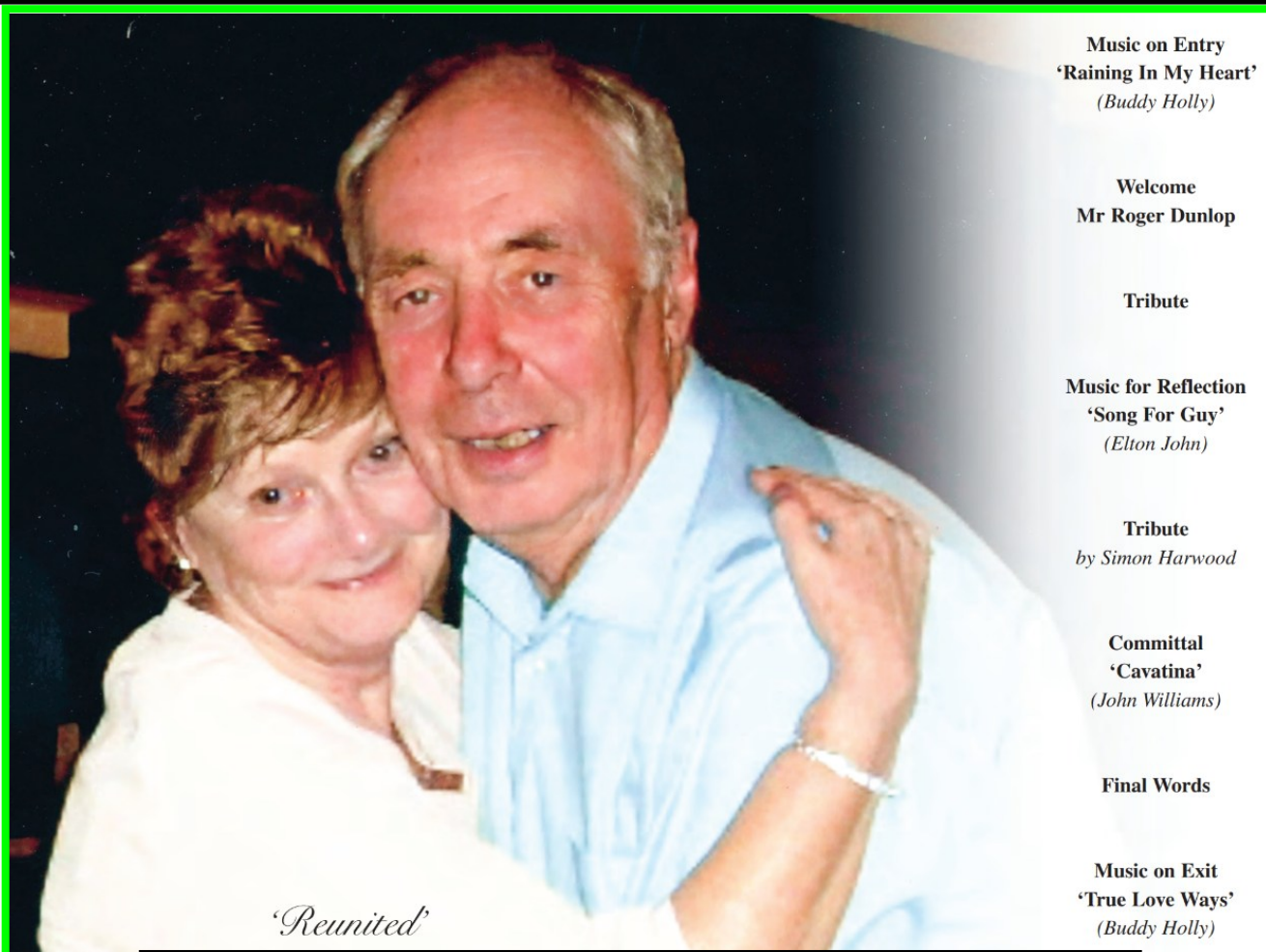
The magnificent  
Clapham plaque  
at St George's  
Church in  
central Ypres,  
Belgium

Concordia Res Parvae Crescunt

In proud memory of the 106 Clapham Old Xaverians  
who gave their lives in the First World War.  
Clapham College, London, SW4



# John Rudd RIP - a truly great & loyal Clapham Old Xaverian - Class of 1954



The family would like to thank, most sincerely, all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their bereavement. They also acknowledge, with gratitude, cards of condolence, your attendance at this service and all donations received for Alzheimer's



## London Marathon “winners”, for charity - Paul Hixson and Art Williams

A big thank you from Arthur Williams to those who supported his London Marathon in aid of his [Bren's] charity, Building Heroes. You can still donate if you missed out on the [\\*DONATION PAGE LINK\\*](#) on the COXA Website.

I have added a photo of Paul Hixson - looking great during a recent visit, below are HIS 2012 Marathon memories for his chosen charity



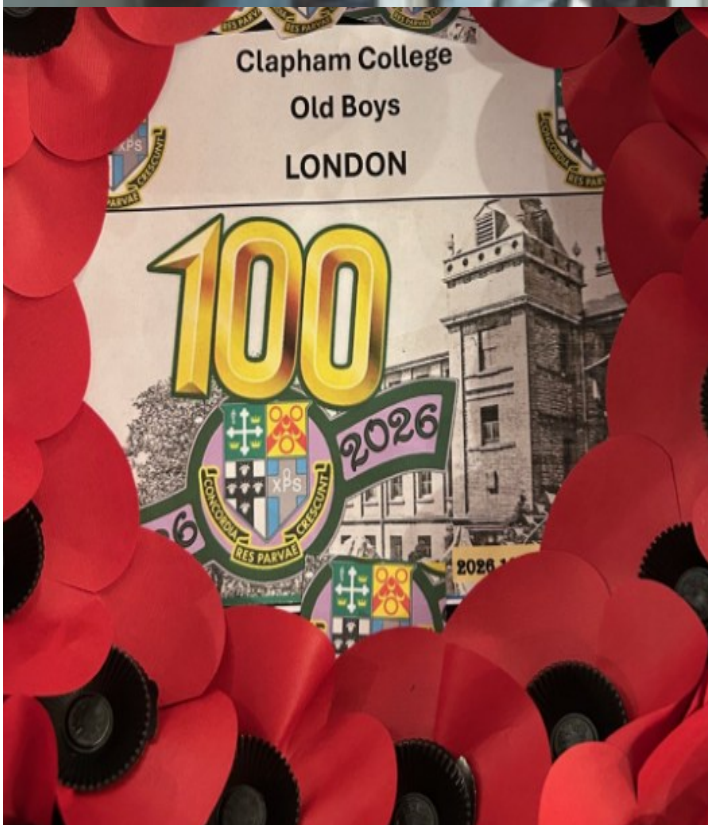
Well Done Art Williams



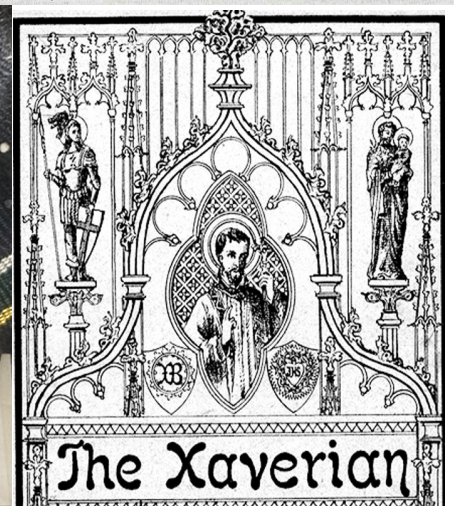
Paul and Amy  
Hixson  
running past  
Buckingham  
Palace in  
2012







Marriage is like the witness protection program: you get new clothes, move to the suburbs and you're not allowed to see your friends anymore.





# The Thoughts of COXA Chairman David Leathem

Dear friends, as I write, it's not even as if Summer is over, or nearly over... It's glorious, isn't it? I'm Scottish and a lot of you are Irish and Polish (English and many others noted) but it's like 10 weeks in Playa Blanca with 6 weeks to go!

The Golf Trip to Mayo started on the 27th April; relentless welcome sunshine. The Football Tour in the following days saw sunshine and some showers (yay!) The Ramble from Godstone via Jake's Garden and back to Godstone was marvellous (guess what? Hot and sunny!) Thanks Vic Roszkowski and Mick Powell, also Mick and Bina for their roles.

The Golf Event was held in tropical conditions (thank you Aidan).

The Lille Battlefield Trip was a huge success. More alumni honoured by our Association. Aidan, Eddie and Scotty built a brilliant itinerary.

Summer Lunch at the Union Jack Club saw renewed acquaintances. 2 x Grudniewicz, (Andy and Chris), are enthusiastically welcomed back for the first time. Days later, at the College (SFX) 60 or so, including several returning to Nightingale Lane for the first time in 50+ years, celebrated 100 Years of our Association.

All this in the past tense; attend the AGM (on line), attend the Mass (in person!) log on to our website; support the next Ramble (Mayfield?), any 1st XI match at Carshalton. If you are unwell, or other(!?) - please tell us and perhaps we can help/support (yes dear Vlad, I'm looking at you!)

What an amazing Association; what a fine crowd of leaders/Committee Members.

Get back to the beach!!

David Leathem 17th August 2026



David and Lynn



**Beside  
Every  
Successful  
Man**

- Reinvent "stay at home"
- Strengthen the partnership with your husband



## Research details from KADOC [an Archive Library] holding some Xaverian files

“Hold your breath” the next “twenty-odd” pages, are the results of your Editors’ pilgrimage to the KADOC Institute, a research facility part of the University of Brussels, where he investigated their Xaverian Archive. For many years Brugges was the lead Xaverian College of the “Southern Section of the Xaverian Province”, which included, Clapham College, Mayfield, Brighton and “Foxhunt” [Prep] School] near Mayfield, where **Br. Christopher** was the Headmaster - part of my research fills the next 20 pages.

Volumes of Xaverian magazines - not “ours”



Calcutta Xaverians @1900

### WINNERS OF THE CADET FOOTBALL CUP.

*Back Row, standing (from left to right):* E. NEWTON, H. VAN SPALL, E. D'CRUZ, E. HUDSON, F. DAVID.

*Second Row (seated):* C. NEEDHAM, A. GREENE, O. MEYER, A. MERCES.

*In front:* N. GALESTIN, E. JOHANNES.



I almost had a heart attack [would have been my second], when I was presented with a beautifully bound file at KADOC, titled **Old Xaverians 1904 to 1920**. These were the dates I had been hunting for as part of my "Xaverian Holy Grail". Only to discover that they were in fact the **Old Boys publications of Calcutta Old Xaverians**. They seemed so similar to our own early Old Boys at Clapham. I closed this chapter of my research with a hint of disappointment "if only"



## OUR OLD BOYS.

### THE OLD XAVERIANS' CLUB.

**I**T is under this name that the Old Boys of St. Xavier's College have formed an Association.

The Club rooms are at 10 Park Street on the ground floor of the building adjoining the College. Father Van de Mergel, the Vicar of St. Thomas's Church, has kindly placed the rooms at their disposal.

A provisional Committee was formed early in the year to hunt up Old Boys and to frame rules and regulations. Old Boys came in shoals and a general meeting was soon convened. The rules drawn up by the provisional committee were discussed and passed with little change. The Entrance fee was fixed at Rs. 5 and the monthly subscription at Re. 1.

There are separate sections to suit the taste of all comers. Lectures, concerts, debates, outdoor and indoor games, all enter into the future programme of the Club. For the present, Cricket and tennis practice takes place on the College playground. The Old Boys hope however to have before long a ground of their own on the maidan. The School Billiard Room is also at their disposal but arrangements are being made to have a Billiard Room attached to the Club.

The Association is still in its infancy, but if the interest, with which it was started, is maintained there are no limits to its possible expansion and utility. The Committee has very wisely refrained from swelling the Club's muster roll and has been

select in the choice of the members. Seventy-five have so far been admitted. A provision has been made for Hon. Members, *viz.* Old Boys living in the Mofussil who would be desirous of membership. The subscription for Hon. Members is Rs. 2 a year and they will enjoy all the rights of membership whenever they come into town.

As regards membership in general, ex-pupils of North Point are in the same position as Old Boys of St. Xavier's. This point was unanimously carried at the first general meeting. Association with the brilliant institution in the hills can only add lustre to the sister school in the plains. May we not say of her what Sam Johnson said of Goldsmith: *Nihil tetigit quod non ornavit.*

The Rector of St. Xavier's College is the Patron of the Club and the Staff have been co-opted as Hon. Members. The management of the Club, however, is entirely in the hands of the Old Boys themselves. A working Committee elected at a general meeting, at the beginning of each year, will run the Club. At the request of the Old Boys, Father Power will help the Committee in putting the Club on a strong basis and all communications should be addressed either to him or to the Hon. Secretary. The Cricket section of the Club has had a very successful season. The Old Xaverians beat in turn the Caledonians, the Hornets and the Customs, but had to acknowledge defeat at the hands of the Calcutta C. C. We trust that the Hockey and Football seasons will add further lustre to our incipient Club and that the Old Xaverians will yet be known as a power in the land.



## GRAMMAR SCHOOL EDUCATION

THE only schools that were known as secondary schools before the passing of the Education Act of 1944 are those now called grammar schools. The particular varieties of education they offer will in future be only a small part of the whole field of secondary education. Their long history and the standards they have already achieved help to give them a sense of direction and there is comparatively little that need be said about them in this pamphlet. It is convenient therefore to consider them before going on to deal, more fully, with the newer types of secondary education.

The grammar school has so far offered a general course lasting for about five years in which the treatment of all subjects and groups of subjects, but notably languages (classical and modern), mathematics and science, follows a predominantly logical development, and a subsequent intensive course in the "sixth form" covering a narrower range of subjects, which for many boys and girls leads naturally on to studies at the university level. The distinguishing feature of both courses has lain not so much, perhaps, in their content as in their length, in the scholarly treatment of their content, and in the stern intellectual discipline that they afford.

The Dept for Education even thought  
"different strokes for different folks"

## THE NEW SECONDARY EDUCATION

The pupils who attend grammar schools are very like the boys and girls in other schools. But since the grammar school course demands disciplined thought and the capacity to wrestle successfully with intellectual questions, they must have a high measure of general intelligence, they must be fond of books and readily drawn to abstract ideas, and they must be prepared to stay at school long enough to derive real benefit from the studies they will undertake. Some consideration of the qualities necessary to the grammar school pupil will be found in the Norwood Report,\* to which those interested are referred. Within the range of talents and interests manifested by such pupils, the grammar school will find scope for the many-sidedness on which in the past it has set high value.

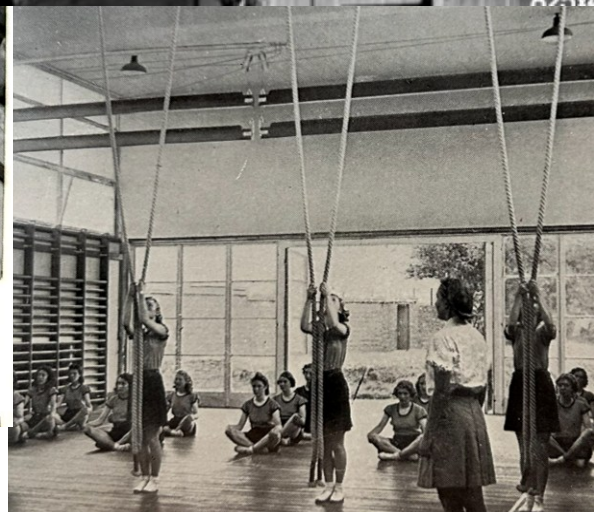
Though the effects of the Education Act are likely to be more striking in the fields of technical and modern school education, it would be a mistake to suppose that this Act will have no influence on grammar school education. The new regulations prescribing standards in the buildings of secondary schools of all types will enable grammar schools in the future to have more suitable and more comfortable accommodation for their manifold activities than many of them have had in the past. Admittedly, the immediate



# Clapham College - not Secondary Modern different kids - different skills



Out-of-school tractor-class for boys and girls at a secondary modern school. At country schools it is easy to develop activities related to full-scale husbandry.



We all, well the majority of us, passed the 11-Plus and went to a Grammar School. So for us it was Literature, Law and Latin, not Woodwork and Technology. WE were not taught "practical Skills" - many of us were envious of those Secondary School workshops. The photo of wall-bars and ropes begs the question, did anyone ever use them at Clapham - they were there [on the walls] Surely Clapham Boys would not have been "Shed Boys"...but then again a great number were and "loved" the atmosphere at Chelsea going to every home game for the "buzz and excitement!" CAN BE READ ONLINE



## POOR CHELSEA!

*Their supporters under 'The Shed' must be the worst in the country*

WE received a very disturbing letter this week, describing the behaviour of some Chelsea supporters on an Underground train after the Manchester United match.

This is certainly not the first time these supporters have been reported to us, and there is no doubt they have proved themselves to be the most unpleasant collection of thugs, disguised as football fans, to be found on any terraces.

This last act of sheer unpleasantness occurred when a single Manchester United supporter got into their section of the train. The louts in blue and white taunted and jeered him before physically attacking him with punches and kicks.

Luckily, the United supporter was able to avoid serious injury by getting out at the next station.

The language of this pathetic group was thoroughly foul, and one can hardly expect women, children or middle-aged men to quieten a mob of bullies in full cry.

Chelsea had won the match so there was not even the weak excuse of revenge.

### Wretched animals

The plain facts obviously prove that these wretched 'animals' stirred up by the excitement of the match, and all showing off to one another imagined they appeared 'big' by attacking a defenceless and completely

out-numbered 'enemy'.

I'm sure that any one or two of this evil group would not have had the courage to even speak to the opposition if they were on their own. All of you lads reading this, just pause for a moment and think how many times you have behaved badly this season!

Perhaps you are led on by some particular cowardly louts who collect 'picks' around them and label you 'chicken' if you don't join in. Are you so weak that you can't see how pathetic you look?

### No interest

This pack leaders have probably no interest in football or the clubs whose colours they disgrace. Do you really want to let down your club publicly each week?

Many of these gangs are showing frustration because they are unable to play the game themselves. If you pride yourself as a player of any standard at all, how can you associate yourself with thugs who can only kick a defenceless rival, and have no ability to control a football?

Are you really so cowardly, foul mouthed, and determined to give your club in particular, and football in general, a bad name? Think hard! If you are not - grow up, and don't associate with these villains who know no better!

Although Manchester United themselves

have suffered from their section of louts at the Stretford End (the majority of that excellent choir suffer, again, through the reputation of a few), it is interesting to note that the more successful teams generally have the better supporters.

### No comparison

There is no comparison between the knowledgeable, witty, tuneful (new songs with less crude words) and generous Merseyside crowds, and the pitiful singing of the Chelsea 'Shed'. The Londoners are crude at all times and appear to have completely lost their traditional Cockney wit. Presumably because the morons in the group just haven't the intelligence to sing anything but the simplest of rude chants.

This season has underlined the lack of success among the London clubs, but surely they needn't come bottom of the supporters charts as well. Even friendly Upton Park, where real London wit and hospitality are rewarded by entertaining football is contaminated by a few young idiots who do their best to make matches a misery for all around them. Steve Richards pleaded in JIF 'W' recently for magistrates to be stricter. I agree, but I'm also suggesting you all take a good look at yourselves and see if you're proud of the support you have given your club this season. - TONY WILLIAMS

As Grammar School Boys, we missed out on Secondary Modern School pupil activities



## Ministry of Education

### "Becoming a Teacher" Booklet 1956

100% this would have been the booklet [in black and white] that many of those who taught us would have accessed at teacher training! Lots of good tips in there, but few I recognize.



## BECOMING A TEACHER

### *What Makes a Good Teacher*

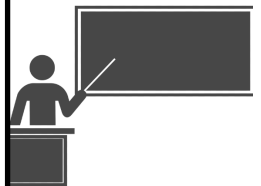
Both directly in their teaching and indirectly through their personal influence upon the boys and girls in the schools teachers have a great responsibility. The whole system of education rests in the last resort on the character of the profession. Fortunately many different types of men and women are happy and successful with children and there is no one list of personal qualities which alone will ensure success.

A teacher should have a liking for children or young people and be able to understand and help them. He should enjoy the contact of his mind with theirs and be likely to find increasing interest in his work as he finds out more about the way young people grow and learn. He will need integrity to win their confidence and enthusiasm to hold their interest.

He must be an educated person in the full sense of the term and a good teacher goes on learning as long as he is teaching. He is concerned however not only with the substance of what he will teach but also with standards of behaviour and taste, which call for informed judgment and a high degree of humour and good sense.

A teacher should have genuine interests of his own, which he may perhaps share with the children but which will serve essentially to keep him a balanced person acceptable not only to the children, but to his colleagues in the staff room and to his adult companions in the wider world. A man or woman who has learned the art of good human relationships can look forward to an assured place in the community as a whole.

Here then is an important and worth while job. It is also an exacting one, but to those who are well equipped for it teaching can afford a happy and satisfying life.





# The first page of the 1936 School Inspection - ["Interesting"]

For members' information only (S.O. 183).

Enclosure

*Item on Agenda No.*

## London County Council

**CLAPHAM COLLEGE (BALHAM AND TOOTING)**

*Head Master : Rev. J. BARRY, B.A.*

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE—HIGHER EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE**

*Report by the Council's Inspectors of a full inspection held on 16th to 20th November, 1936*

**Inspectors :** Dr. J. H. Jagger (Inspector-in-charge), Mr. A. L. Atkin, Mr. J. J. Bell, Mr. L. Brooks, Mr. J. B. Cryer, Mr. A. H. Gem, Dr. F. A. Hedgecock, Mr. G. Lilley, Mr. F. T. Rosser, Mr. R. R. Tomlinson.

### GENERAL

Clapham College, which belongs to the Roman Catholic teaching Order of St. Francis Xavier, was opened in 1897. The order, the headquarters of which are in Belgium, has schools in several countries, the largest number being in the United States of America. In England there are seven.

Clapham College began to be aided by the Board of Education in 1925, and by the London County Council in 1928. This is the first occasion on which it has been fully inspected by the Council. Till 1930 it was a boarding as well as a day school, but no boarders are now accepted.

During the last three years the roll has remained stationary—October 1st, 1934, 208 ; 1935, 210 ; 1936, 209. But in 1932 it was 255 and in 1925 it was 268. Of the 212 on the roll at the time of inspection 169 were in the main and upper schools, and 43 in the preparatory school.

Since 1925 there has been a change in the age of the boys, as the following figures demonstrate :—

|      |     | <i>Roll</i> | <i>Under 11</i> | <i>11-16</i> | <i>16</i> |
|------|-----|-------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|
| 1925 | ... | 268         | 65              | 182          | 21        |
| 1932 | ... | 255         | 88              | 149          | 18        |
| 1936 | ... | 212         | 38              | 156          | 7         |

It was hoped that higher secondary work would develop, but the reverse has occurred, owing to the decrease in the boys over 16. At the same time there has been a marked decline in the young boys. On the other hand the number between 11 and 16 has increased. Two main causes of the total decline are the increased fees, which were raised in 1933, and the discrepancy between the fees at Clapham College and the nearest public secondary schools. The preparatory boys have to pay the full fee of £16 a year. There does not seem to be any sound reason why the fees here should be higher than in the neighbouring schools. The increase in the number of boys between 11 and 16 is due to the number of local special places having been raised in 1933 from 9 to 15 a year, which has more than counterbalanced the fall in the number of fee payers at these ages ; the full effect has not yet been seen ; for, as the change has been but three years in operation, about 30 boys will be added to the roll in two years' time, when it is fully in force. Whether it will in due course restore the falling fortunes of the sixth form remains to be learnt.

The number of boys who in the last three years have left in possession of the General School certificate is 62 per cent. of the number of those who have left after having reached the age of 16, but only 36 per cent. of the total number of leavers. An abnormally large number, in fact, leave before 16 ; of the 56 boys who left in 1935, 31 were under 16 ; of the 111 who left between 1933 and 1936, 47 (more than one third) were between the ages of 14 and 16 ; that is to say, they were of an age to be in the last two years of the General School course. It is true that 43 of the 111 left to go to other public secondary schools, and to boarding or private schools, but it has to be recognized that the school is to some extent failing to carry the normal boy of 11 through a course of secondary education till the age of 16, terminating in the possession of the General School certificate. Further, so heavy a drain on a school of this size renders class organization difficult, as, though it is a single-form-a-year school, in one of the early years there are two forms.

Of the 163 boys over 11, 129 are ex-elementary school pupils ; 96 are special place holders, of whom 41 are L.C.C. County scholars, junior, supplementary or intermediate.



### **PREMISES**

The area of the site is  $4\frac{1}{2}$  acres. Disposed upon it are a large house which is used as the residence of the members of the Order and as the administrative headquarters of the school; the main school; the Science block; and the preparatory school. All these are separate buildings. In addition there are gardens, a fairly spacious asphalted playground, and a playing field which, though it is not large enough to provide a football pitch of full size, is put to excellent use as a football ground for boys up to 11 or 12.

At Norbury the school owns a playing field which measures  $5\frac{1}{2}$  acres and is reached in 40 minutes by train or bus.

The front of the school site lies along the south-west side of Nightingale Lane, and looks towards Clapham Common. The two buildings which face in that direction, namely, the headquarters and the preparatory school, which are the original buildings, present a very pleasant appearance, and both are adequate for their purpose. Although all but one of the rooms in the preparatory school are small, the falling numbers there have, for the moment at any rate, removed any cause of difficulty. An excellent cloakroom has recently been provided for these pupils. In the basement of the building is one of the school dining rooms.

Between the preparatory school and the administrative headquarters, on the top storey, is the Art room, which is unsuitable in shape, too small, and imperfectly lighted.

The main school is a compact three-storey block of twelve rooms. Seven of these are classrooms, one is the library, one is the school stage, one is the hall-gymnasium, one is the chapel, and one, which is dull and dark, is not in use. These last three, which are longer than the rest, form the north end of the building.

All the rooms in this block are spacious, and with the exception noted are sufficiently lighted. But it is unfortunate that, when it was erected, more consideration was not given to the educational uses for which it was intended. An internal staircase was built leading to the top storey, but no side corridors were provided, so that all the classrooms except the two at the south end were passage rooms. To remedy the resulting disturbances to teaching, an external iron staircase was added at a later date, at the south end of the building. But this improvement still left the middle classroom on each floor without access except through the rooms at its sides, which are in constant use for teaching. Further, the hall-gymnasium is too small for fully effective use (measuring 57 feet by 22 feet) and there are no changing rooms, store for apparatus, or master's room.

To the south of the main school stands what is known as the Science block, although, actually, only the upper storey is devoted to Science, while the lower has been made into a cloakroom. This building also is defective in construction; the laboratory is very long and so narrow that it can take only one centrally placed bench; and it is very cold in winter. At one end of the laboratory there is a very small lecture room.

The sanitary accommodation of the main and upper schools is in every way below the standard required by the Council and the Board of Education; there are three wash basins (Board of Education scale, 8); five closets (Board of Education scale, 7); five urinals (Board of Education scale, 10). This matter requires immediate attention.

No Handicraft has been taught hitherto because no room is fitted for Manual Training, nor is any room fitted as a Geography room. The large unused room above the chapel would do for one of these purposes, if the lighting can be improved. But in view of the conflicting claims of Geography, Handicraft, and Art that present themselves whenever the question of using the room is raised, it is not possible to make a definite recommendation here. This room, however, ought to be brought into use as soon as possible, and a considered plan for making good the other deficiencies in accommodation, which are fully realized by the school authorities, should be decided upon.

### **STAFF**

The Head Master has devoted his life to the service of the Order of St. Francis Xavier. He was an assistant master at Clapham College for 13 years, this being his first teaching appointment, and then became Head Master of the Xaverian College in Manchester; he remained there for 11 years, then being appointed to Clapham College, which post he has held for 14 years. As it is a rule of the Order that its staffs shall be chosen from its own members so far as men possessing the proper qualifications can be found among their ranks, he has gained as wide experience as he could obtain, and that experience



## 5. Successes gained by former pupils during the last three years :—

|      |     |     |                                                                           |
|------|-----|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1934 | ... | ... | B.Sc. Engineering, First class honours, London University.                |
| 1935 | ... | ... | Bar Final.                                                                |
|      |     |     | LL.B. London.                                                             |
|      |     |     | L. ès L. Sorbonne.                                                        |
| 1936 | ... | ... | B.Sc. Chemistry, First class honours.                                     |
|      |     |     | Scholarship in Pathology, Durham.                                         |
|      |     |     | B.A. History and Geography, Second class honours, King's College, London. |

## GENERAL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

A very pleasant healthy tone prevails, the behaviour of the boys, both in the classroom and outside, during the week of inspection being all that could be desired. They are also responsive to teaching, and, as a rule, spoke clearly when answering in class.

There is a house system, the houses competing with one another in all sports. Two prefects are appointed in each house, who have duties connected with their house ; part of the internal discipline of the school is also in the hands of the prefects.

Cricket and association football are the school games.

A number of school societies flourish. The Debating Society, which meets once a fortnight and is presided over by the senior English master, is drawn from forms Upper Third upwards ; there are about 50 members. The Scientific Society, which is under the care of the Science master, visits museums and other places of scientific interest, and holds meetings at which members give lectures. There are clubs also for chess, table tennis and tennis. As regards Music, an orchestra of twelve performers was formed about a year ago, and meets twice a week.

Hitherto, no educational visits of the kind that are so marked and valuable a feature of the life of many schools have been paid except by the Scientific Society and the classes in the preparatory department. Nor have any school journeys been organized as yet, but in August each year one of the masters conducts a party of about twenty boys to a holiday camp at Mayfield, Sussex, where the Order has a boarding school.

**Library.**—The library is a rather dull room of good size and shape, situated on the ground floor of the main school. There are tables and chairs, but the furniture is not very attractive, and presents a rather shabby appearance ; more could be done by the hanging of suitable pictures to produce the proper atmosphere. But it is proposed to move the library to the sixth form room, which is about the same size, and to fit new shelves round the walls and in bays.

The collection numbers about 2,000 volumes. It will be seen from the subject reports, notably French, History and Latin, that in several directions the contents leave something to be desired. The annual grant of the governors (£20) is insufficient to maintain the library, much more to remedy existing deficiencies, and it is recommended that a special grant be made for this purpose and that the annual grant be raised.

The library is under the charge of one of the masters, who is assisted by two of the boys. It is available for all pupils in the main school, and is open during the lunch hour for reading and for withdrawing and returning books. The sixth form boys have the use of it at all times as a reading and reference room.

The arrangement for borrowing, by a card system, is satisfactory. There is a manuscript catalogue under subjects, the books in each subject being listed alphabetically according to their titles. A better catalogue will be needed when the collection is increased, and could be opportunely introduced when the library is moved into its new home. Use is made of the Council's loan scheme for secondary schools.

The school magazine is published twice a year, being edited by one of the boys under the supervision of a master. It records school and house events, and examination results, reports meetings for sports and matches, and meetings of societies, and contains one or two prose articles and poems.

The Old Boys' Association maintains teams in cricket and football ; it has a Dramatic branch which meets every week, and gives performances of plays twice a year.

## ORGANIZATION AND CURRICULUM

There are 40 teaching periods in each week (except that the two lowest forms of the preparatory department have only 36) ; the usual length of period is 40 minutes. School commences with a morning assembly in the hall-gymnasium, at which a short service is held. Teaching begins at 9.15 a.m., and goes on till 12.50 p.m., with a break of a quarter of an hour at 11.15 a.m. Afternoon school lasts from 2.15 p.m. till 4.15 p.m. The school



More from the 1936 **Inspector's Report**. And a desperate letter from the College Governors to the ILEA on the lack of progress on building a **Dining Centre** at Clapham - took nearly 100 years!

In composition the staff has recently been improved, and the various aspects of the curriculum are now well attended to. The chief exception is Music; the part-time Music master has recently left, and his place is being taken temporarily by a whole-time member of the staff who is an excellent teacher, but has no special training in this subject; under his tuition, however, the music, which was not in a satisfactory state, has already begun to improve. The Art master is about to retire; it is desirable, although it may not be possible, to fill his post by a man who has some knowledge of Craft as well as of pure Art.

There are 11 full-time teachers, 10 men and one woman, and a part-time master for Physical Exercises. On the 1:22 scale the numbers would not quite justify this establishment, but, owing to the small size of the school, even with the most economical organization, a staff of 11 would be scarcely sufficient. The usual relaxation of the standard in the case of small schools, by the addition of one teacher to the number justified by a rigid application of the scale, should be allowed.

### EXAMINATION RESULTS DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS

#### 1. General School examination :—

|                         | 1934 | 1935 | 1936 |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|
| Number of candidates... | 18   | 17   | 19   |
| Number passed           | 15   | 16   | 16   |
| Number who matriculated | 6    | 8    | 8    |

2. The school presents for this examination in July only; in December some of those who have failed to secure matriculation exemption in July are presented at the external matriculation examination. The figures are :—

|                      | 1934 | 1935 |
|----------------------|------|------|
| Number of candidates | 2    | 2    |
| Number passed        | 2    | 2    |

3. No candidates prepared for the Higher School examination in 1934 or 1935; in 1936 three candidates were presented, of whom one passed.

Dear Sir,

Re. Meals Kitchen & Dining Hall.  
Clapham College.

On behalf of the Governors of Clapham College I wish to make a strong protest at the constant postponement of the above meals centre during the past twelve years.

It is a scandal that our pupils have to make the two mile walk every day - wet or fine - to obtain their mid-day meal. Sometimes pupils have to be sent home through returning to school wet with the rain.

I therefore make a forthright demand that this centre be built immediately.

In your letter to the Clerk you say you are awaiting for a decision from the Schools Commission. I am not aware that this project comes under their direction or decision. If the Commission - which does not know of the pressing need for this meals centre - is allowed to veto it every time it is presented, there remains a greater scandal, and an injustice to the pupils.

Can be read on a computer!



## Tumblers Defy Gravity

3/10/2021

1958 Xaverian Tumbling Team - NYC display

During the 1960s, interest in gymnastics was prevalent in high schools. The high-flying Xaverian Tumbling Team quickly put Xaverian on the NYC map, with its performances and sporting events at Columbia University, Madison Square Garden, and even on television. Its more frequent shows, however, were to entertain young people in hospitals and children's homes, and of course routinely appeared before the student body in our very own gymnasium. Well-known and appreciated by audiences into the 1980s, the boys gained their skills and precision through a combination of hard practice and the infinite patience of their esteemed coach, Mr. Stanley Sajecki.



## A Glimpse of Xaverian 1958

1/4/2018

1958 Brochure, Xaverian College Brooklyn

1958 Xaverian High School Promotional Brochure

The 1958 promotional brochure at right highlights essential aspects of Xaverian for prospective students and parents. Produced by the school in its second year of operation, some of the more salient features in the brochure include:

### Faculty

In 1958, 44 Brothers lived in community on the third floor. Only eight teachers were laymen. Today, only one Brother remains in a teaching faculty of nearly 90: Brother Jim Smith, CFX, currently in his 50<sup>th</sup> continuous year at Xaverian.

### Tuition

1958: \$300.00

**You need a computer to read this print too small/faint.  
Go to either of the Clapham Old Xaverian Websites**



*The Congregation of the  
Brothers of St. Francis Xavier*

*The Faculty and Students of  
Xaverian High School  
7100 Shore Road, Brooklyn, N. Y.*

*Announce*

*The Blessing and Dedication of the Building  
by His Excellency*

*Most Reverend  
Bryan J. McEntegart, D.D., L.L.D.  
Bishop of Brooklyn*

*On the Feast of Saint Francis Xavier*

*Tuesday, December 3rd, 1957*

*at four o'clock*

*And cordially invite you to attend*

JOURNAL AMERICAN 12/4/57

## Bishop Bryan McEntegart visiting Xaverian High School. Brooklyn IN 1958



**SCHOOL BLESSING . . .** Most Rev. Bryan J. McEntegart, Bishop of Brooklyn, mounts steps of the new Xaverian High School, Shore rd. and 71st st., and blesses crowds assembled for yesterday's dedica-

tion of the institution. Bishop McEntegart later offered solemn benediction in the auditorium of the \$3,000,000 school, which opened in September and will accommodate 1,400 students by 1960. Journal - American Vn by John E. Hopkins



An article from the Xaverian High School in Brooklyn; think it's from a student journal. The graph at the bottom half of the page is from a report of the "decline" of the Brothers in England.

Volume 4, No. 2

Xaverian High School, Brooklyn

September 25, 1961

## \* 12 RECEIVE HABIT \*

Extending its fine record of endeavors into all fields, the Class of '61 set another precedent in that twelve of its members chose to serve and follow Christ in the Brotherhood. The graduates are now in the period of their novitiate, during which time they are introduced to the life of the brother. The Xaverian men who recently received the habit of the Xaverian Brother at the novitiate in Leonardtown, Maryland, on September 8, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Mother, are: John Chell (Bro. James), Stanley Hanley (Bro. Stanley), John McGuire (Bro. John Baptist), Richard Costello (Bro. Kenneth), Charles Cully (Bro. Hugh), Robert McDowell (Bro. Douglas), William Higgins (Bro. Larkin), Tom Brown (Bro. Vincentian), Robert Mawsley (Bro. Gilbert), Gerry Boylan (Bro. Majella), Joseph Pierini (Bro. George), and William Madden (Bro. Hilary).



### Activities

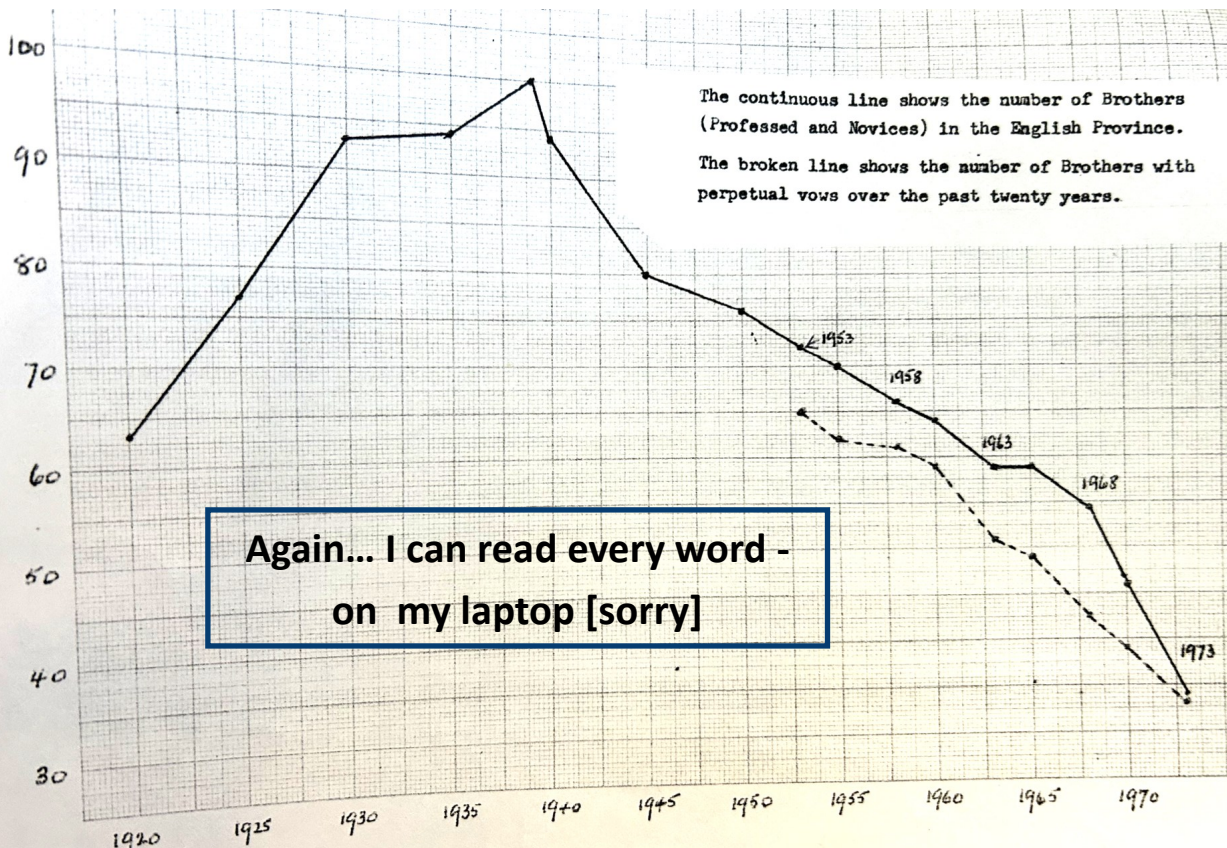
The Annual XHS Raffle Drive will begin next Friday, Sept. 29, with an assembly for all students. SAC officers will be introduced to the student body and details of the drive made clear. The drive will last for 3 weeks on the same basis as that of last year...

### DAY JUNIORATE

An organization at Xaverian which does not ask for publicity, but still is due a well-deserved mention, is the Day Juniorate under the direction of Brother Bonromeo. Its primary

### NEWSLETTERS

Brother Thaddeus and Brother Raymond will return tomorrow from St. Paul where they are attending a convention of the Minnesota Catholic Education Association... Several large book cases have been added to the library allowing room for 3000 more books, eventually bringing the total up to 68



Again... I can read every word -  
on my laptop [sorry]



## The sad decline of the Xaverian Brothers and the situation in the 1970s.

A very sad report to commission and share, no wonder in the 1970s it was kept "Confidential". This was the Xaverian Brothers own report on the inevitable collapse of the Brothers in England. The graph on the previous page and the list of names below reflected the dire state of the Order and the lack of new blood into the Xaverians. Apologies for the quality of much of the documentation, but the aging documents were photographed on my phone, but I thought it was worth copying and sharing - some familiar names below.

### Brothers of the Province

listed according to age.

In five years from the end of the current school year, those above the line will have reached the age for retirement.

| <u>Name</u> |             | <u>Age</u> | Membership of the Province                                                                                                                                                                              |   |         |
|-------------|-------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---------|
| Brother     |             |            | 1920                                                                                                                                                                                                    | - | 1973    |
| "           | Dunstan     | 89.0       | The figures below show the number of Brothers (Professed and Novices). Figures in brackets show the number of Brothers with perpetual vows. Both sets of figures are represented on the attached graph. |   |         |
| "           | Norbert     | 79.9       |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |   |         |
| "           | Benedict    | 78.5       |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |   |         |
| "           | Felix       | 73.7       |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |   |         |
| "           | Gregory     | 71.9       |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |   |         |
| "           | Ignatius    | 71.7       |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |   |         |
| "           | Antoninus   | 70.7       |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |   |         |
| "           | Chad        | 70.6       |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |   |         |
| "           | Cajetan     | 67.9       |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |   |         |
| "           | Columba     | 66.8       | 1920                                                                                                                                                                                                    | - | 63      |
| "           | Christopher | 65.7       | 1925                                                                                                                                                                                                    | - | 77      |
| "           | David       | 63.7       | 1930                                                                                                                                                                                                    | - | 93      |
| "           | Godric      | 63.3       | 1935                                                                                                                                                                                                    | - | 94      |
| "           | Stephen     | 63.2       | 1939                                                                                                                                                                                                    | - | 100     |
| "           | Henry       | 62.5       | 1940                                                                                                                                                                                                    | - | 94      |
| "           | Thomas More | 61.9       | 1945                                                                                                                                                                                                    | - | 80      |
| "           | Anselm      | 61.2       | 1950                                                                                                                                                                                                    | - | 76      |
| "           | Damian      | 61.0       | 1953                                                                                                                                                                                                    | - | 72 (65) |
| "           | Kevin       | 60.6       | 1955                                                                                                                                                                                                    | - | 70 (62) |
| "           | Peter       | 59.11      | 1958                                                                                                                                                                                                    | - | 63 (61) |
| "           | Osmund      | 55.10      | 1960                                                                                                                                                                                                    | - | 64 (59) |
| "           | Charles     | 55.6       | 1963                                                                                                                                                                                                    | - | 59 (51) |
| "           | Robert      | 55.1       | 1965                                                                                                                                                                                                    | - | 59 (48) |
| "           | Ambrose     | 54.4       | 1968                                                                                                                                                                                                    | - | 54 (43) |
| "           | Conrad      | 53.7       |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |   |         |
| "           | Plunkett    | 53.3       |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |   |         |
| "           |             | 53.0       |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |   |         |



**1960s Report on the Xaverian Brothers in England.** This is predominately from the School of St Edward the Confessor near Mayfield in Sussex. The final [incomplete] part of the Report is on the Brothers at Clapham College. Gives you a insight into the Congregation.

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School of St. Edward the Confessor.  
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Brother Christopher. Regular and more at peace since Br.A. was absent. The community has also been at peace for the same reason. I also noticed that the tension which had been noticable before had subsided and the members were quite happy.

Br.Berchmans. Much better after his operation but he will take himself in the garden to do some work although he was told to leave it alone. This is quite understandable because he gets tired of doing nothing.

Br.Anthony. Looks quite ancient but still continues to teach the tots. I do not suppose we shall find such another place for him and he will be glad to end his teaching. Always regular.

Br.Damian. Has been very much better of late. West Hartlepool will be less strenuous than our other schools until he makes a complete recovery. He is quite happy about this.

Br.Felix. Also much better although he is still suffering from over work; now he has a chance to quieten down in peace. Mayfield will be the best place for him. He will help Br.Alphonsus with the accounts & most likely teach geography in place of Br.Godric.

Br.Osmund. Regular in every way. On his way now to Mzedi.

Br.Bernardine. Now well after his scarlet fever. Taking some convalescence at Wadhurst by order of the doctor. We shall keep him here until August since he wont be needed at Foxhunt. He is regular and seems quite happy. I've arranged with Br.David that he go to Manchester to replace Br.Kevin who may be sent to West Hartlepool where they require a groundsman.

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We hope to be away from Foxhunt by the second week in August. D.V. Br.Christopher and one or two will remain until the change-over; the others will be sent off for their holiday. before taking themselves to their new appointment.

Br.Berchmans will go to Mayfield where he will get sufficient medical care.

The chapel articles will come here pro tem.

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- Clapham College, -

Br.Peter. Regular. Quite happy but anxious. He ought to have more degreed members on his staff to help build up finances for future additions and repairs and thus avoid coming on the Province for money.

Br.Dunstan. Regular. Gets along pretty well with his garden interest although his leg causes him some difficulty.

Br.Xavier. Regular inspite of his painful movements. Helps in every way possible. Walking better.

Br.Bernard. Regular. Quite happy in his work. Complains of his



KADOC- again

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Notes about Brother Dunstan, CFX, of England

*April*  
In 1975, when Brother Dunstan was 90 years old, he gave me the following information about his early life:

He believes that Providence has worked many wonders for him throughout his life. He was the youngest of 8 children, 4 boys and 4 girls, his mother dying at his birth. Three years later, his father died, and the children were put in charge of a Catholic lady in Preston. Bro. Dunstan's parents were both non-Catholic and Bro. Dunstan was baptized at the age of 5.

When Brother Jerome visited Preston and heard about this family of orphans, he brought Dunstan (age 6) and one of his brothers (age 11) to Mayfield, in keeping with the original intention of the Duchess of Mayfield in founding Mayfield College as a home for orphans. Bro. Cyril was the headmaster and when Dunstan was 14 years old, Cyril asked him to become a Brother. He went to Clapham for about five years and was more a page boy than a novice. He then went to Manchester where he started teaching elementary subjects. The superior, Bro. Edmund, asked him to take courses in Chemistry and Physics, and when the World War broke out, Dunstan was ready to replace the layman who had been teaching science and who was called up to the army. Dunstan retired from teaching at Clapham in 1950.

When Dunstan was a student at Mayfield, he had to listen to so many speeches from the members of the Board of Trustees that he became convinced that no one over 70 years of age should ever give a speech.

Bro. Harold Boyle, CFX



S.R.C.

## SCHOOL RELIGIOUS CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 1938.

Time  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours.

April 4th, 1938.

### SECTION A.

This section of General Questions is compulsory and all the questions in this section must be attempted by all the candidates.

Answers should not be more than four lines in length.

- 1.—At what part of the Mass occurs the memento for the living ?
- 2.—Can anyone get to heaven without sanctifying grace ?
- 3.—How is Baptism given ?
- 4.—What is the duty of parents towards their children ?
- 5.—Is the Eucharist a sacrament or a sacrifice ?
- 6.—What (in the Catechism) is meant by the world ?
- 7.—What are the Five Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary ?
- 8.—When do the following Feasts occur : the Epiphany, the Annunciation, Michaelmas, Corpus Christi, St. Joseph ?
- 9.—How should you finish the day ?
- 10.—Write down the last seven Stations of the Cross.
- 11.—Are the fruits of the Redemption limited to baptized Christians ?
- 12.—Re-write the following, correcting anything wrong :—
  - (a) The soul is the super-natural part of man.
  - (b) One of the ways of losing Sanctifying Grace is by mortal sin.
  - (c) St. John, the author of the Acts of the Apostles, was an Evangelist.

### SECTION B.

N.B.—Only five questions are to be answered.

Equal marks are assigned to each question.

Begin each question on a NEW SHEET.

- 1.—How do the Gospels show Christ's claims to Divinity apart from His miracles ?

P.T.O.



## Excuse the angle of "Section B" - the more difficult questions Religious Cert.1936

- 2.—St. Paul says "By one man sin entered into the world." Explain the effect of this (a) on our first parents; (b) on us.
- 3.—(a) How can Mary rightly be called the Mother of God simply because she was the mother of the Babe of Bethlehem?  
(b) Describe the nature of Mary's sanctity.
- 4.—"I allow no church to stand between me and Jesus Christ." Show how this attitude is contrary to (a) Christ's intention; (b) common sense.
- 5.—"There are characteristics in the Catholic Church which compel not merely my admiration but my submission." What are these characteristics? Show how such an attitude is reasonable.
- 6.—"The Mass is the central act of Christian worship." How is this the case? How does the Mass differ from Calvary?
- 7.—In what way does Holy Communion act as the food of the Divine Life of the soul?
- 8.—Why is Baptism called a "new birth"? Describe the effects of this new birth.
- 9.—The effects of Baptism remain unless destroyed by mortal sin. How then can prayer be necessary even for those in a state of grace?

**Hi Scotty**

Hope you are, sorry I couldn't make the 100th Anniversary bash at SFX, quite a few of my school year were there.

I recently attended the funeral of old boy Paul Marcel Theodore Kansen on Monday 3rd August 2026. He used to receive Concordia and I think occasionally wrote in. He was proud of his time at College, which was included in his Eulogy.

He was born on 2nd March 1936 in UK, to Belgian/Dutch parents avoiding the expected Nazi occupation.

During childhood he spent long periods in hospital, but later enjoyed running and orienteering.

As a volunteer he was asked to organise the finishing line of the first London Marathon in March 1981 by Chris Brasher and John Disley.

You might want to have something put in Concordia in due course.

I'll attach a picture of Service Book front cover.

Please can you also cancel his subscription to Concordia



Whilst visiting Jake Richin's garden the Ramblers viewed England's oldest tree.

*In loving memory of*



PAUL MARCEL THEODORE KANSSEN

2ND MARCH 1936 - 10TH JULY 2026

MONDAY 3RD AUGUST 2026

HOLY FAMILY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, ADDESTONE AT 11.00 AM

FOLLOWED BY COMMITTAL AT 12.30 PM

CELEBRANT: FATHER GRAHAM FORRISTALLE

A short notice of the death of Paul Kansen we will give Paul a full "send-off" in the next edition



# Letter relating to the sale of Clapham College & the playing fields at Norbury

Congregation of the  
Xaverian Brothers



PROVINCIAL RESIDENCE,  
BESTBEECH ST. MARY,  
WADHURST, SUSSEX.

Feb. 15th '70

Telephone: WADhurst 3216.

Dear Bro. General,

We have received word that the Diocesan Trustees have accepted the terms of settlement for the purchase of Clapham and its playing field.

I therefore enclose the resolution of the Province Council on the matter.

Brother Plunkett and I are to meet Canon Crowley and Mgr. Mahony to settle minor details on Wednesday next (Feb. 18th.) at Clapham.

Since the sale price is £145,000 I take it that permission to alienate will have to be obtained from the Congregation of Religious and so include the prescribed form.

I hope they do not want a rake off - there are enough of those already.

Best wishes to all.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

*3. G. G. G. G. G.*

**£145,000.00 !**

3. Not all the Houses have a specific time set aside for the extra private spiritual reading on Sunday but the Brothers are reminded of this duty when the Customs are read.

4. Each Community has now a weekly regular confessor. Extraordinary Confessors visit all the Houses, usually during Ember Weeks and Superiors are reminded of this in the monthly bulletin.

5. Every facility is given to Brothers to make good the spiritual exercises they have been unable to make in community and Superiors and Brothers are repeatedly reminded of their obligations in this respect.

6. The Superiors regulate all the reading matter coming into the House for the use of the Community.

7. Except at Clapham where Bro. Vincent because of his incapacity has a private radio there are no radios in private rooms. As a rule the radio is listened to only during recreation under the supervision of the Superior. Only one of our Community Houses has television and the Superior has been reminded of his duties with regard to its use.

8. Brothers visit the cinema but rarely and only with the permission of the Superiors. Mayfield is the only school which shows films, apart from education films, and since these are intended for the pupils rather than the Brothers selection is always most prudent.

9. The Habit is always worn in and about the houses unless there is good and sufficient reason for otherwise. This same applies to the prescribed dress out of doors.

10. Brother Francis is at present the only Brother under Temporary Vows in the Province. He has been carefully supervised by Brother Xavier.

**The Xaverian Brother Code**

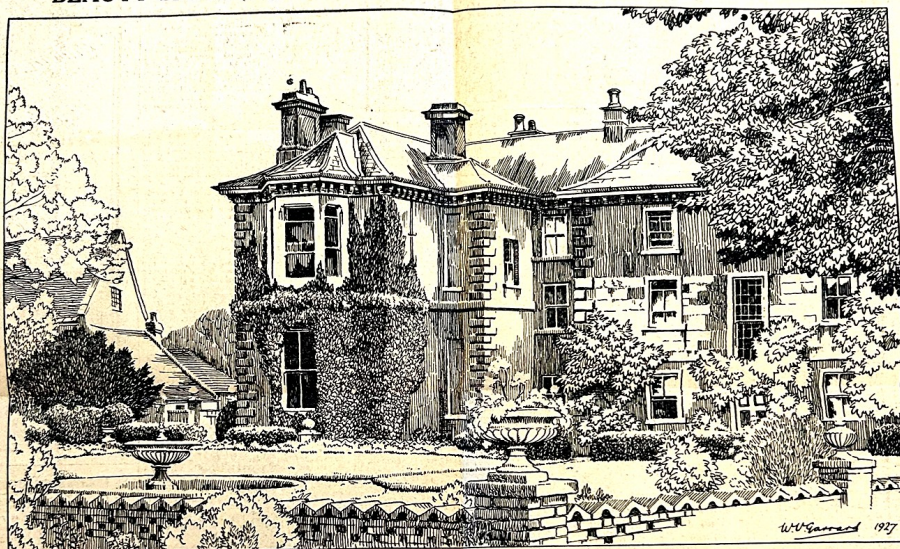


More KADOC Research - my choice is simple either "reproduce" in an unreadable format - ignore - or leave to be viewed on a computer



THE PETERBOROUGH & HUNTS, STANDARD; JANUARY 27, 1928.

# BEAUTY SPOTS (13): ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S, DEEPPING ST. JAMES.



Comparatively few people in this district have heard of the Xaverian Novitiate at Deeping St. James. An institution of the Order named after St. Francis Xavier, the heroic sixteenth century "apostle of the Indies" who devoted his life to missionary work in the Far East, it is primarily a school for boys who are to become monks of the Order, and who, after their school training is completed, and they have graduated at a university, go out as teachers into the Catholic colleges throughout the country.

The boys are specially chosen for their vocation and enter the school at the age of fourteen. Though there is a natural bias in the teaching and routine, no pressure is exerted to retain the boys if they feel unfitted for the life. At any time during their novitiate they are free to go back to the world, but very few avail themselves of the opportunity. The final and irrevocable vows are not taken until the university career is finished and the young man is of an age to choose for himself his path in life.

The work of the school, which is staffed by Xaverian monks, is very much as at other schools. It is in the activities outside the curriculum that divergence from the customary life in schools begins. With the exception of an aged cook, no servants are kept, all the work in the house being done by the boys themselves. Vegetables are raised in the gardens, and a number of cows pastured in the meadows. A few pigs are fattened on the waste from the kitchen. Due provision is made for games, chiefly football and cricket. In these many activities the whole of the boys' time is taken up. Indeed, the tenor of the establishment is to avoid idleness, the parent of many evils, at all costs.

The school building itself is interesting only as illustrating the styles of architecture prevalent in the mid-eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The centre portion, the nucleus around which the present edifice has grown, was a small comfortable Georgian house, built of warm red brick which contrasted pleasantly with the white woodwork of the window frames and doors. On the front wall is a sundial bearing the date 1785, but it seems possible that the house had been built a generation or so earlier. Under successive owners, the Watertons and the Coopers, wings were erected and another storey added, and the whole was covered with dull grey stucco in an attempt to harmonize the heterogeneous conglomeration of parts. The house was later the residence of the Dowager Marchioness of Exeter, and passed into the hands of the present owners a few years ago.

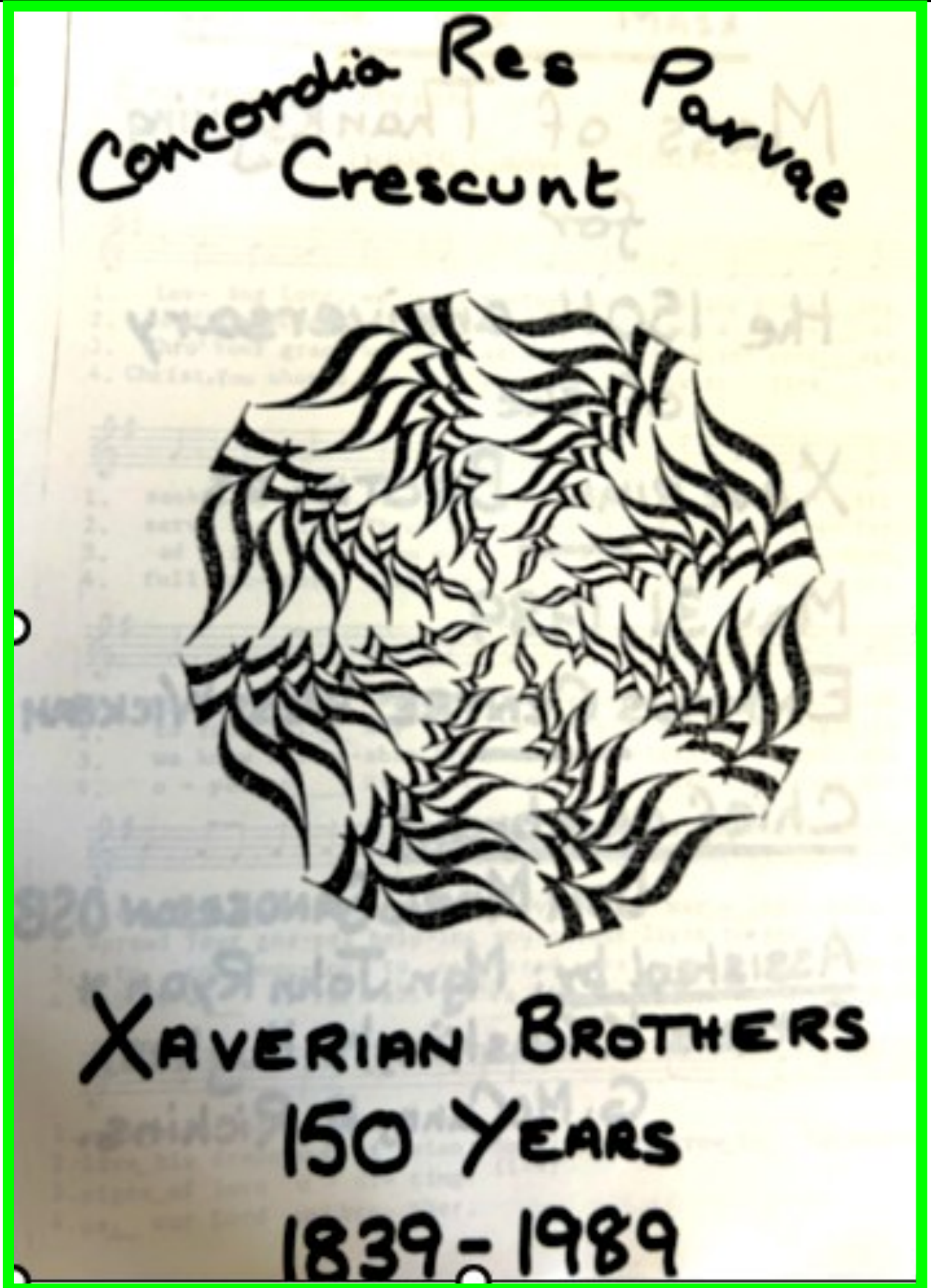
What the building lacks in charm, the grounds possess. They have not been altered, and contain much of interest. One of the most delightful features is a quaint little garden, walled in by a high clipped hedge and filled with old fashioned tea roses which are grouped in little plots, each surrounded by a tiny box hedge no more than a foot high. W.V.G.

More "interesting snippets" from the Xaverian Archive at KADOC. The top photo shows boys at Mass in the Chapel at Mayfield College.

The newspaper clipping is from the Peterborough and Herts Standard in 1928. It shows a drawing of the Xaverian Novitiate in Deeping St James, on the road from Peterborough to Lincoln. It was part of a series of articles on "Beauty Spots" in the Peterborough area; this needs to be read online....very clear, impossible in "A5" Concordia.



This was the front page of the 150 year "Programme of Events" at Clapham College in 1989. I don't think this was produced using IT, or a professional printer. I'd like the producer to drop me a line to explain the motif - was it "Xaverian"?



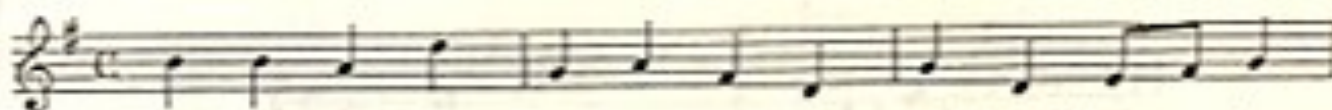


Back to 1989 the 150th Anniversary of the Xaverian Brothers. There was a full programme of events, Mass, gymnastics displays, speeches and prize-giving. I've no idea of the tune of Small Things Grow in Harmony..can anyone play it? [Glyn?]

# ORDER OF MASS

## ENTRANCE Hymn

### "SMALL THINGS GROW IN HARMONY"



1. Lov- ing Lord, we come be-fore You, ask-ing bless - ing,
2. Lord, You blessed our hum-ble Foun-der with a love\_\_ of
3. Thro' Your grace we live as Bro-thers: help, en- cour - age,
4. Christ, You showed us thro' ex- am- ple how to live\_\_ in



1. seek- ing peace. You have called us thro' Your Spir- it;
2. serv- ing You. Thro' the prayers of Fran-cis Xav- ier,
3. ed - i - fy. From our lives with one an - o - ther,
4. full ac- cord With the will of God the Fath- er,



1. may our love\_\_ for You in-crease. Come dwell with our
2. to Your call\_\_ may we be true. Ry - ken sought to
3. we know friend-ship, love and joy. Lord, You call all
4. o - pen to\_\_ His liv- ing word. Thro' our vows our-



1. con- gre- ga- tion; show us love and mer - cy. Help our
2. spread Your gos- pel, help- ing souls Your light to see. May we
3. to com- mun- ion, to one bread, one bo- dy be. Make us
4. selves we\_\_ of- fer: all You've giv- en gra- cious- ly. Live in



1. weak- ness, let us please You;
2. live his dream and vi - sion; Small things grow in\_\_ har- mo- ny.
3. signs of love u - ni- ting: (1-4)
4. us, our Lord and bro- ther;



## "The importance of this letter?"

This letter to the parents of the boys at Clapham College was to confirm the decisions made in the letter of 15th Feb 1970, copied on page 22. The decline in the number of Xaverian Brothers and the financial needs of a 20th Century school meant that the decision to change was inevitable, small Catholic to large Diocesan, only the boys could really tell the difference.

Bestbeece, St. Mary  
WADHURST,  
Sussex.

19 February 1970

To the parents of the boys, to the Old Boys  
to the friends of the school

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At the commencement of the next school-year, in September 1970, Clapham College will become a Diocesan School. Under the care of the Diocesan Authorities the college will continue as a grammar school until such time as, in accordance with the plans already laid down for its future, it can develop into a Comprehensive School. The future of both staff and students will be completely safeguarded under this change of ownership.

The Brothers deeply regret that circumstances have brought the need for them to give up the school. Two factors have made this decision necessary. The first is the decline in the number of Xaverian Brothers in the English Province the second is the heavy financial burden which the future development of the school - involving, as it must do, great structural expansion - would have imposed upon the Brotherhood

It is possible that some of the parents whose sons are at present entrusted to the care of our Brothers may feel somewhat disturbed by our withdrawal. Let them please be assured that any such feeling is quite unnecessary, for under the Diocesan Authorities the school will continue, will expand and will prosper.

The Brothers wish to thank all these whose unfailing support and goodwill have always been so gratefully appreciated by us in the past and will continue to be remembered warmly in the future. Among these must be numbered the past and present Governors of the school, the staff, the members of the Old Boys' Association, the parents of our past and present students, and our students themselves. We are sure that this same support and goodwill will continue to be given in the future to the school and to those to whom its care will be entrusted, - and will be given as generously and spontaneously as in the past. We would like, also, on this occasion to pay grateful tribute to the London Education Authorities whose dealings with the school have always been marked by such unfailing justice and considerate helpfulness - a justice and helpfulness which our Brothers will never forget.

Brother Godric, C.F.X.

Provincial



FRIDAY

CATHOLIC HERALD

JUNE 9, 1939

# XAVERIAN BROTHERS ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD

## Archbishop Amigo at Celebrations at Clapham

### FOUNDER WAS ONCE LUMBERMAN IN U.S.A.

ON MONDAY LAST, JUNE 5, THE XAVERIAN BROTHERS KEPT THE CENTENARY OF THEIR FOUNDATION.

The day was observed in London at Clapham College with a Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving, at which Archbishop Amigo, Bishop of Southwark, presided, a large congregation assisted, and thirty "old boy" priests were present.

Many distinguished clergy, both secular and regular, joined with the Brothers in their celebrations. At the Mass of Thanksgiving the assistants of the Archbishop were

Government grant to the managers, necessitated the retirement of the three brave pioneers from Bury.

Mayfield in Sussex and Baltimore in Maryland have a most interesting link in common. A Mr Richard Caton, an Englishman, married at Baltimore a daughter of the illustrious Catholic statesman, Charles Carroll, a signatory of the American Declaration of Independence, in 1776. They had three daughters, whose wealth and beauty made them most desirable brides-to-be.

In 1825 they crossed to England with their mother, where they became known as "The Three Graces," and eventually all three married English peers. One became Lady Wellesley, another Lady Stafford, and the third Duchess of Leeds.

The last-named, Louisa Catherine, became in due time a childless widow, and spent her wealth and her time in good works. She built two majestic schools, at Mayfield and at Mark Cross. The former, for boys, she placed under the care of the Brothers, who opened it on



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at the throne of the Archbishop were the Very Rev. Canon Rochford and the Very Rev. Canon Pritchard.

The celebrant of the Mass was the Very Rev. Canon Thompson, the deacon the Rev. Fr. Warrilow, O.S.B., the sub-deacon the Rev. Fr. R. Madden.

The Congregation of the Brothers of Saint Francis Xavier—to quote the canonical title—was founded by Theodore James Ryken, a pious, serious-minded Hollander, born 1797. He was dowered with no accidental gifts of fortune or worldly advantage; but, even in early manhood, his soul craved to teach the young the love and service of God.

At twenty-five he was a voluntary, whole-hearted helper to a good priest who conducted an orphanage. At twenty-nine he was nursing the

and practices of the religious life in a Redemptorist monastery.

#### Rules Drafted by Jesuit

This period of training finished, Mr Ryken received the necessary episcopal permission to found the Congregation. The rules were drafted for him by a kindly Jesuit, Fr. Van Kerkhoven. St. Francis Xavier was chosen as patron.

Hopefully, the founder looked forward to a definite beginning of community life, on June 5, 1839, with two companions.

Membership slowly increased, and schools were opened in the city of Bruges. These developed into the present flourishing Belgian Province, comprising fifteen houses, included in which are three in the Belgian Congo.

1848 the founder was able to

Lady Wellesley, another Lady Stafford, and the third Duchess of Leeds.

The last-named, Louisa Catherine, became in due time a childless widow, and spent her wealth and her time in good works. She built two majestic schools, at Mayfield and at Mark Cross. The former, for boys, she placed under the care of the Brothers, who opened it on May 8, 1868.

For more than seventy years the school has functioned, a household word of regard and affection amongst the Brothers and innumerable "old boys," friends, and relatives.

#### 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

Sorry if some of you find some of the historical documents from the Xaverian Section of the Archives, in Brussels, difficult to read...but they are such important Xaverian documents and news items. They were hard to read and deteriorated with age [like some of us]..but important none the less!. I hate go on about it but an A5 at times poorly printed Concordia is not the best way to observe these historical documents...online is the answer; by all means carry on getting the printed version [until we come to an inevitable end, we run out of funds - or run out of you all]. Online gives colour and clarity. **Try it !!!!**



Minutes from the Xaverian Committee, not the Clapham Old Xaverians, but the one collected from all the Xaverian schools in the UK. What is a "Bohemian Concert" - sounds "dodgy" to me]. They controlled the funds of the Colleges, a very strong Manchester and Brugges influence. Clapham become a bit of a "backwater", but interestingly in later Clapham become the "hub", it depends on where the "top dog" Xaverian Brother was based...and it became **little old "us"**.

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Under these circumstances the Committee do not feel justified in recommending a continuance of the events during the present season. In order, however, to provide social gatherings for members, it is hoped that it will be found possible to hold at least two Bohemian Concerts before Easter, the first of which will take place at the Holborn Restaurant, on December 14th next, as already announced.

### COLLEGE PRIZES.

In accordance with the resolutions passed at the last Annual General Meeting, the Committee have approved the presentation of the following Annual Prizes:—

TO ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S COLLEGE, BRUGES.—A Prize, value £1 is. od., to be accorded in the English Section to the pupil in the highest class having the best record of weekly marks during the year for Conduct, Application and Order, to be called "The Xaverian Association Prize."

TO XAVERIAN COLLEGE, CLAPHAM COMMON.—A Prize, value £1 is. od., to the student selected by the Rev. Brother Superior for Special Distinction in English Literature, to be called "The Xaverian Association Prize."

TO XAVERIAN COLLEGE, MAYFIELD. — A Prize, value £1 is. od., to be awarded annually to the Captain of the School, and called "The Xaverian Association Prize."

The following awards have been made during 1908:—

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S COLLEGE, BRUGES—Lisle Pullen.  
XAVERIAN COLLEGE, CLAPHAM COMMON—Henry Wallack.  
XAVERIAN COLLEGE, MAYFIELD.—Milton Vieira.



# CLAPHAM COLLEGE



## Prize Distribution

in

St. Mary's Hall, Clapham Common

on

Wednesday, June 10th, 1959

at 7.30 p.m.

A program of entertainment, a "must" at Prize givings. The rousing "Waltzing Matilda" as the finale and "Prospero's Speech" by **John Gilhooly**. [was it a "speech"?]

### PROGRAMME.

|                                   |                                        |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Part Songs. (Choir).              |                                        |
| "O Peaceful England".             |                                        |
| "Little David, Play on yo' Harp". |                                        |
| John O'Gaunt's Speech.            | C. THOMPSON.                           |
| Piano Solo.                       | J. E. LOOSEMORE.                       |
| "Song without Words".             |                                        |
| Prospero's Speech.                | J. GILHOOLY.                           |
| Clarinet Solo.                    | K. ENNIS.                              |
| "Romana".                         |                                        |
| Henry V's Speech.                 | C. THOMPSON.                           |
| Folk Songs with Guitar.           | I. K. McCANN.                          |
| Falstaff's Rejection.             | C. THOMPSON,<br>C. WASS,<br>J. HOWARD. |
| Unison Song.                      | K. ENNIS.                              |
| (Clarinet & piano accompaniment). |                                        |
| "Ombra Mai Fu".                   |                                        |
| Part Songs. (Choir).              |                                        |
| "Linden Lea".                     |                                        |
| "Waltzing Matilda".               |                                        |

I know I keep saying "best viewed *online*", but these documents really are. For the "Class of 1954" who would have been active in this prize-giving, I give you - **CLEATHER, BUNCE, SCHWENK, GRAY, McDERMOTT, MORRISH, GILFORD, GARVEY, SABBAGH, TURVEY** [a brilliant athlete, professor who lectured in the USA for 40 years], **CAIN, KEENAN, McGRATH, ALDRICH** [inventor of "online shopping" - retired a millionaire with a wing at Brighton University named after him], **HOGAN, ...etc..etc**

...all names that I as a boy remember, and I was only 8 years old in 1959. I wasn't interviewed by **Brother Peter** until 1963! Sorry if I haven't added the achievements of the rest of Class '54!

### SCHOOL OFFICIALS.

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| School Captain | D. Hogan     |
| House Captains |              |
| Canterbury     | M. Aldrich   |
| Charterhouse   | J. Bunce     |
| Glastonbury    | W. McGrath   |
| Walsingham     | P. McDermott |
| Games Captains |              |
| Football       | D. Hogan     |
| Athletics      | P. McDermott |
| Cricket        | W. McGrath   |

### SCHOOL RELIGIOUS CERTIFICATE.

|                |              |               |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| D. Byrne       | P. Kellard   | G. Rowe       |
| T. Carney      | J. Lewry     | J. Sabbagh    |
| M. Clements    | P. McCahy    | M. Scott      |
| T. Collins     | M. McCartney | R. Shea       |
| B. Deegan      | P. McDermott | J. Smith      |
| D. Etherington | N. Maguire   | J. Snaith     |
| A. Gilford     | D. Martin    | J. Stillier   |
| F. Gilford     | R. Massy     | E. Streeter   |
| A. Gowing      | E. Millichap | F. Tahaney    |
| F. Griffiths   | K. Mitchel   | T. Turvey     |
| J. A. Hall     | A. Morrish   | D. Walters    |
| J. A. Hall     | P. Noakes    | C. Williamson |
| A. Hedger      | D. Pyne      | M. Wise       |
| A. Jones       | J. Robinson  | D. Wooton     |

### ORDINARY LEVEL EXAMINATIONS.

Anticipated by one year.

Symbols: A. for Art.  
M. for Maths.  
H. for History.  
E. for English.  
L. for Latin.

|               |        |                |      |               |        |
|---------------|--------|----------------|------|---------------|--------|
| J. Barnes     | A.     | G. Fitzpatrick | M.   | J. J. Murphy  | H.     |
| S. Bradford   | M.H.   | C. Garvey      | L.E. | J. Quirk      | H.     |
| T. Cain       | E.M.H. | P. Gray        | L.   | A. Richardson | M.     |
| B. Cannon     | H.     | P. Keenan      | M.   | W. Ruane      | H.     |
| A. Cleather   | E.H.   | A. Kelly       | M.E. | J. Rudd       | M.     |
| R. Cox-Horton | E.H.   | D. Kenny       | H.   | B. Schwenk    | L.M.E. |
| J. D'Arcy     | H.     | I. McCann      | H.   | D. Whelan     | M.     |
| L. Farrelly   | E.H.   | J. McMahon     | M.   | K. Williamson | E.     |

### ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATIONS.

Anticipated by one year.

|               |                         |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| J. Bunce      | Pure and Applied Maths. |
| I. Griffin    | French.                 |
| W. Guthrie    | Pure and Applied Maths. |
| D. Hogan      | Pure and Applied Maths. |
| L. Richardson | Pure and Applied Maths. |



## *Xaverian Brother's Menology*

### **BROTHER PETER** (John Pointon)

Born: Manchester, England, January 31, 1914

Died: Manchester, England, January 14, 1986

Raised in India where his father was a civil servant, Brother Peter, an Englishman to his fingertips, was the last gasp of the British Raj. Entering in 1932, he was missioned to Mayfield in 1937 where he taught English and geography. In his five years there he became identified by three outstanding qualities: integrity, a deep spirituality, and a remarkable presence in the classroom. He was both admired and envied for a classroom style which was uniquely his. After receiving his Bachelor's degree from Manchester University, Brother Peter taught at Manchester until 1952 when he became the Headmaster at Clapham. Remaining at Clapham until 1970 when the Brothers left London, he worked zealously to develop the school. He stimulated fresh enthusiasm throughout the various departments of the school, even in the athletic department to which he was not naturally drawn. He was most proud of the college's superb Dramatic Society. Throughout all this activity, Brother Peter led without seeming to lead, maintained contact with all the students, and was respected by all. This attitude was reflected among the members of the Old Boys' Association who held him in great esteem. In the early 1960's, Brother Peter did a brief stint at St. John's High School in Shrewsbury where he delighted the students and the Brothers. After the Brothers withdrew from Clapham, he continued to teach at Manchester until retiring in 1976. During the last years of his life, Brother Peter lived with his sister who would have been otherwise alone and visited the Brothers at Manchester regularly

## *Brother Christopher*

### **BROTHER CHRISTOPHER** (Edward Hazlehurst)

Born: Manchester, England, May 21, 1908

Died: Manchester, England, March 10, 1988

Brother Christopher's long career found him at many of the missions of the English Province, teaching geography, history and English. His longest mission was Clapham (1958 to 1975) where he was the last Xaverian to serve. Xaverian presence at Clapham (now St. Francis Xavier College in honor of the Xaverians) ended with Brother Christopher's retirement in 1975. An avid gardener and geographer, Brother Christopher busied himself in his retirement with these hobbies. In 1975 with Brothers Evan (September 30) and Valerian (March 22), he made a trip through the United States which he described thoroughly in a journal which he kept. He not only described the areas he visited but did a geographical survey of them as well. Brother Christopher's long life nearly ended earlier due to his generous hospitality to two visiting American Brothers. Brother Christopher took the two Brothers on a tour of the Lake District such as no visitor to England has ever had. On a lonely country lane headed for a very much out of the way inn for tea, the American Brother who was driving momentarily forgot that the English drive on the left. Brother Christopher was not at all flustered by the near disaster which followed as he calmly told the American Brother that he was on the wrong side of the road and not the lorry which was rushing at them.

***...PTO for Brother "Gardener"***



## *Brother Gardener*

### **BROTHER KEVIN** (Arthur Harte)

Born: Manchester, England, June 25, 1913

Died: Manchester, England, June 8, 1980

Neatness and precision were the hallmarks of Brother Kevin's service and love of the Brothers over the forty-nine years of his religious life. He served at Mayfield, Brighton, Wadhurst, Clapham, and Manchester as gardener, groundsman, sacristan, and his dedication to the work the Lord had given him to do was total and a source of inspiration to his Brothers.

*Hello Scotty, I came across my recently deceased father's copy of your winter 2025 Concordia whilst checking in on his post this week. It was a very timely find as my sister and I had been wondering how to notify his friends from schooldays who he caught up with some years during reunions in London. I wondered if you would be so kind as to either send an email out or include in your next edition the sad news that our father John Rudd, born 23 April 1943 died peacefully after a short illness at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital on 21 December 2025. My sister Julie and I are comforting ourselves knowing Dad is now reunited with his loving wife Wendy, our mother. My sister and I would be so grateful if you are able to help us with this notification? Kindest regards, Debbie Rudd*  
*Thank you for your kind words Don. I am so glad my "email to the editor" turned out to be a friend of Dad's. It felt so awkward emailing someone who might not have even known Dad and asking for such a favour, but I know how important the Clapham Grammar school friendships were to Dad so I bit the bullet and got a lovely result . Thank you 🙏 .....*

**Scotty ...John will be sorely missed by the (rapidly dwindling) class of '54.**

*Always amazed at the frequency of John's attendance at our get-togethers at Clapham Junction considering the journey he undertook from his home in Telford. It must be round-up time for goalkeepers with both John and England's Colin McDonald leaving us within a short span of time. The consolation for John, his re-union with Wendy. Rest in peace, John. **Pete Wills***





*There has always been a problem for those coming back, or discovering Clapham on our Websites. Joining does not make one a member, and open to all the joys of a Clapham Old Xaverian Member. Frank goes a great job of "shepherding" random Old Xaverians, who log onto the Website, to me. Chris Lally was one of these..anyone claim to know him?*

Hello Scotty,

Sorry for the delay in replying. Ricky and I met in Montenegro last year and we discovered we had both attended Clapham College two years apart.

Clapham was my 3rd secondary school for a variety of reasons, but I didn't get the "O" levels I needed at St Joseph's so I had to repeat the 5<sup>th</sup> year at Clapham where I re-sat them and got the ones I needed. Actually, as my birthday is late June, I was still one of the younger ones in my class.

I struggled again with "A" levels, but Clapham was really good and, after 6<sup>th</sup> form, I was allowed to go in and study pretty much on my own for a term until I re-sat my Physics ... which I eventually got!

I think my problem was that I changed school a lot so never really got to know anyone. I had one good friend at Clapham who I still know, but he's not very well now ~ I think Covid hit him badly. I'm also struggling with a few health issues myself at the moment and awaiting treatment so I'm unlikely to be joining you for any events, but I'll keep an eye on the newsletter.

Thank you for your email, all the best for 2026 and I hope COXA continues to thrive,  
Chris [Chris Lally]

Email the Editor at [coxascottieditor@hotmail.com](mailto:coxascottieditor@hotmail.com)

or write to 12 Farrow Drive, Barnham PO22 0FN... or TEXT 07508001217 Scotty Macdonald



## Aidan Coletta

### Comment of Battlefield Trip to Ypres...For me, the highlight of our trip was....

The gathering of our party to bless our plaque in St Georges Church took on a special meaning as 19 members took turns reading the names of former pupils who had lost their lives on the Ypres Salient; it was a powerful moment of remembrance and reflection. After the ceremony, we made our way from the Church to the Menin Gate, crossing the magnificent Town Square, still thinking of the beautiful service we had attended. I was proud to have been asked to lay a wreath at the Menin Gate Ceremony on behalf of the school. Through my research of the 106 Clapham Old Boys who died in WW1, some of these fallen soldiers became very familiar to me, and this act of remembrance had a profound impact that will be with me forever. **Aidan**

### COXA 400 Club

Winners July 2025 – June 2026

[400club@claphamoldxaverians.co.uk](mailto:400club@claphamoldxaverians.co.uk)

|            |        |                        |
|------------|--------|------------------------|
| Jul 2025   | £250   | Ryk Hryniewicz         |
| Aug 2025   | £100   | Kevin McKenna          |
| Sep 2025   | £100   | John Williams          |
| Oct 2025   | £100   | Spencer McGuire        |
| Nov 2025   | £100   | Ryk Hryniewicz         |
| Dec 2025   | £100   | Colin Garvey (donated) |
| Jan 2026   | £1,000 | David Murtagh          |
| Feb 2026   | £100   | Noel Quinn             |
| Mar 2026   | £100   | Mick Duffy             |
| April 2026 | £100   | Brendan Williams       |
| May 2026   | £100   | Mark Preece            |
| Jun 2026   | £100   | Tim Hixson (donated)   |

The 400 Club is the only “true” way the Association raises funds on a regular basis, if you are not “in” please email Aidan [above] it costs as little as £12 a year - please join.



Here is Pete Brown and Aidan at the Chairman’s Lunch. They would have been chatting football, one from the perspective of 500 Xaverian goals and the other from a midfield creator, turned “destroyer”. You decide.....



## Kate Garvey CBE - Colin have would be so proud



A huge shout out to my big sister, Kate Garvey, on receiving her OBE today. A really proud day for the Garvey family and an achievement that I just know our Mum and Dad would have been thrilled about. The award is for her services to British politics. The prestige of an OBE is such that it can only be presented by The King, Prince William, or Princess Anne. (FYI Kate got William, Prince of Wales, and has today gone on record to say she's pleased it was William, however I could hear in her voice that she'd assumed it would be The King...) Knowing Kate and her infamous drive, she will not stop at this award. I suspect she's already plotting her next act to save humanity or similar - so don't bet against a Knighthood, or a Nobel Peace Prize or even a Brit Award (after all, we grew up in Streatham and were schooled in Croydon - which appears to be 50% of the criteria at The Brits).

Finally, for anyone analysing my LinkedIn content strategy, you may conclude that all I do is recognise my team at **Simply Business** for their great work and piggyback off the impressive legacy of my parents and the positive impact that my high-achieving sisters have. That would be harsh...**Michael Garvey**



Lest we Forget



Scrolling through the Xaverian Magazines available on the internet [or what was the World Wide Web]... I'm old]. I found the set of "standards" below from the Calcutta Old Boys Magazine. I feel they are a fine upstanding set of guidelines... would our Xaverian "brotherhood" fall roughly in line with their fine ideals of "copy" ? Or should I ignore/bin them? Can't see us changing, Scotty

On second thoughts - no I can't allow ourselves to go down the ignominious route of being called the "**Old Xavs**"! Yes, as the Archivist of the Clapham Old Xaverians, I would love to have a full set of bound Xaverian Magazines dating back over 130 years... but "no", let's stick with all my current editorial freedom with all our flaws and our "**Clapham Old Xaverians**" tag; and move on regardless

## STANDARDS

"Xavazine" ....\$£U(\*%)+

All contributors to Xavazine agree to:

- Be honest, fair and accurate.
- Treat the people and issues in our stories with respect.
- Not discriminate in our stories on the basis of gender, gender identity, ethnicity, nationality religion, culture, age, sexual orientation or disability. The diversity of our group and college is our strength.
- Be open-minded and take into account a range of opinions. Aim to include the points of view of people directly involved in stories.
- Clearly label any opinion pieces that are the opinion of one writer.
- Bring any controversial articles to our weekly group to discuss.
- Not plagiarise and always credit any sources we use.
- Not use misleading information or alter photos or quotes.
- Research widely from a range of sources and people. Check our sources are credible. Cross check information.
- If we make a mistake we will apologise and print a correction.

Our Xavs Talks section will give students the opportunity to express their own personal opinions. These might be expressed with passion but we will still treat the issue with respect.



**John Flynn**  
Golfing Legend  
and COXA 2026  
"Golf King"  
likes a drink,  
and a fag too,  
so he can't be  
all that bad 35

I found this other  
photograph of  
John Kansaam.  
John has only  
just passed away  
was at Clapham  
College during  
WWII imagine !





# *Brother Philip Revell, CFX (Richard Philip Revell)*

## *1957-2025*

Posted on October 6, 2025 by Fallon Bakalich

*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

Forty-six years ago, Philip Revell responded to the call to be a Xaverian Brother. It was a lifelong call committing Philip to a life of love, faith and trust. Throughout the course of his life as a Xaverian, the call would become clearer for him. Through his faith and trust in Christ, Philip came to understand that he was called to manifest Christ's self-giving to others, both in his life and in his death. Colleagues in Middletown note the depth of his call. "Brother Phil loved being a Xaverian Brother. Whether speaking about his teaching Religion or French 'to the lads' at Xaverian College in Manchester, ministering to young people in English prisons, or serving his Brothers in Congo, Philip did so with great joy and affection." Philip entered eternal life peacefully on October 4<sup>th</sup> 2025 suffering from cancer for two years.

Philip was born in Glossop, Derbyshire, UK on April 1<sup>st</sup> 1957. He is survived by his loving mother, Mary, and his three younger brothers, Michael, Paul and Stephen. He first met the Xaverian Brothers as a student at Xaverian College, Manchester UK. Upon graduating from Xaverian College, Philip enrolled at the University of Kent in Canterbury, earning his BA in History and French. He continued his professional studies in education at Manchester Polytechnic. In September 1979, Philip entered the Congregation at Xaverian College in Manchester, welcomed by Brother Cyril Birtles and the Brothers community. He received the religious habit there and made his canonical novitiate with the Brothers of the Christian Schools. Philip continued his Xaverian formation at Xavier Centre in Danvers, while attending theology courses at Boston College. He then professed perpetual vows in 1985 the Feast of Saint Francis Xavier.

Philip was a very talented individual: intellectually, artistically, creatively, spiritually and socially. He offered his many gifts in the ministry positions he held. From 1980 through 1992, Philip held diverse positions under Brother Cyril's leadership at Xaverian College, Manchester. He was a teacher of Religious Education and French; he served as Vice Principal for Pastoral Care, Staff Formation, and Student Development. From 1992 through 2001, Philip was engaged in prison ministry, serving as the Roman Catholic Chaplain at HM Prison Brixton London and later at HM Prison Manchester. He also served in various leadership positions for Chaplaincy in the London South Region and served in the International Association as the Roman Catholic Representative for European Chaplains. Perhaps surprisingly, Philip acknowledged that his ministry with prisoners was especially fulfilling. In 2002 Philip responded to the call to serve our Congolese Brothers in our formation program as Director of Scholastics in Lubumbashi and as Regional Superior. During that time Philip also taught Biblical Theology at Maria Malkia Institute and English at the Academy for English Education, also in Lubumbashi. In 2016, he arrived at Xavier High School in Middletown, Connecticut for an eight year stay which he loved, serving as religion teacher and campus minister, and, when needed, teacher of French.



All the ministries that Philip offered the Church and its people were grounded in solid faith and trust in Jesus. Philip heeded the words of the Xaverian Fundamental Principles.

“...you must be willing to spend time each day in solitude and prayer opening yourself to God’s loving word. ...enter into an intimate relationship with God...” Philip had an ardent devotion to the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament the source of his love of others. As a colleague at Xavier wrote: “Brother had a strong devotion to the Blessed Mother and also to Saint Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower.

His love of God manifested itself in the way he related to others.” The Congolese Brothers recall that above all in community Philip built mutually fraternal relationships that were always very respectful of the other. The Brothers knew Philip cared about them and was there to listen and help.

He volunteered to play the organ for the parish and accompanied the Regina Mundo choir and choral group. He also taught music at the Indian School in Lubumbashi. Perhaps the greatest fruit of Philip’s contemplative prayer, as observed by the Congolese Brothers, was his being ‘un ami des pauvres.’ (Friend of the poor) The Brothers report that Philip showed them that falling in love with God and his service means supporting and accompanying the poor and marginalized. Philip’s French was impeccable. Gifted with linguistic ability, Philip taught himself Swahili. As a result of Philip’s example, the Brothers would welcome the poor, especially the handicapped, to the scholasticate. The Brothers also saw his great compassion as he helped many young people with their studies. “Philip loved being in the Congo and cried the eve before he left. He left with the Congo in his heart.”

The Xavier High School Community gave Philip new life. Their welcome and acceptance of Philip were life-giving for him. His friends and colleagues at Xavier will have lasting memories of Philip’s daily 3:45 Teatime. Being a Royalist due to his love of Queen Elizabeth II, his tongue in cheek suggestion that perhaps the USA would have been better off remaining in the UK. Philip’s humorous expressions were also memorable; when talking of students; “He’s a bit dim.” or, “Every goose is a swan to its mother.”

Philip had many gifts. Clear thinker, articulate, compassionate, humorous, and empathic. Philip’s greatest gift was his ability to be present to whomever he encountered. His last two years provides a wonderful life lesson. He openly shared about his cancer with his friends and colleagues in Middletown. He showed all around him how to accept God’s will. He shared with a colleague that “I’ve lived a good life, one without regret.” Philip’s last months of life were spent with the community at Xaverian House in Danvers. There Philip, despite his deteriorating condition, did all he could to remain a contributing member of the community. In turn, the members of the community and staff, especially nurse Robin Rowell and all the medical professionals who attended to Philip, returned the care he had bestowed on so many in his life.

With so many around the world – in England, Congo, and Connecticut, we thank God for the gift of Brother Philip Revell to all of us. May he rest in God’s loving peace.

**Prepared by Brother Edward Driscoll**



Phil was a friend of Clapham Old Xaverians and shared a platform with our Chairman at a Mayfield Old Boys event. He was the President of the Old Xaverians, being the last living Xaverian brother in England; he migrated to the USA for his later years. He said he used to love driving across Clapham Common past the College. +++ RIP +++ Phil.



We know "St Gerard's Boys" are in the Association-please write, any stories or articles



I attended St Gerards from 1969 to 1974. Those years bring back fond memories of a fun, laughter. but a disruptive time. I was in the bottom class, as no one could teach us and our form teachers included, Joe 90, Smithy and Davis. Everyone was called by their surname. My classmates included James Fitzgerald, Barry Williams, Stephen Harrison, Richard Vella , Tony Mulholland to name but a few.

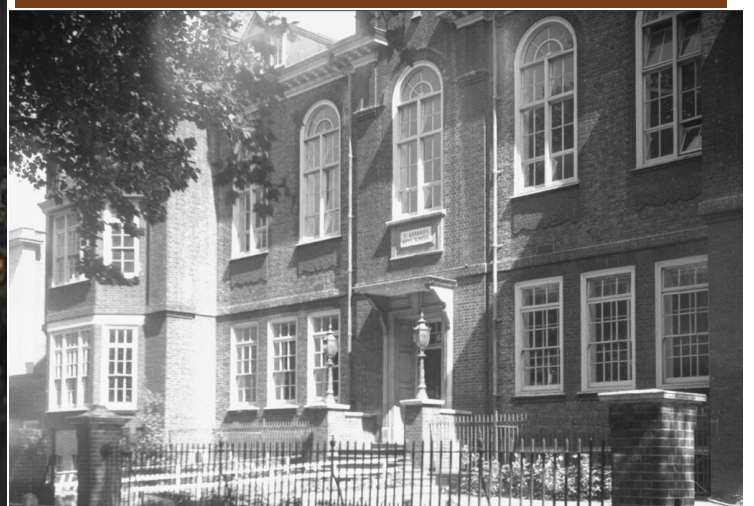
**Re: St Gerards RC Secondary Boys School** by Michael Burke

I went to St Gerard's from 1971 -76.(2 years at Clapham College) After leaving I joined the Clapham Old Boys where I played football until 40!



St Gerard's Roman Catholic School, No.63 Clapham Common South Side. The school was originally built as Clapham High School for Girls and briefly after that renamed as St Mary's South Side School.

[School Motto] **fac-ta, non ver-ba Acts, not words:**  
**"Actions speak louder than words"**





Dear Scotty, now to thank you for my copy of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration brochure – a most interesting miscellany of nostalgic pictures, stories and information. Well done.

I enclose a cheque for £100 as a contribution towards its cost and for postages fund.

From above you will note that, due to age (96) coupled with mobility issues and increasing infirmity, I have recently moved into a Care Home – it is new and very comfortable – which provides a great sense of security and help, as needed! Sadly trips to London / UJC -COXA lunches and the Oval – are no longer feasible!! Whatever, I have so much to be grateful for – past and present.

With all very best wishes to you and COXA – please convey my regards to the Chairman et al,

yours sincerely



Brian P. White [1940-46]

*P.S. Also enclose, in case of interest, a piece from OREMOS about St. Francis Xavier.*

Your shout-out for info, has been answered in a previous bout. Not a criticism, because what you do is priceless. Simply an observation.

Thereby hangs a tail. He looks to be in the U15s 1962, not the 1st XI. Either way, to the best of my knowledge, the Team blanks I have, are listed below:-

Stading L-R

(1 of 2)Fulker. Kevin Cooney. ?Baker. John Utting. Micky Morcombe. ?Davies

Kneeling L-R

?Sullivan. ?McMahon. ?Smith. ?Foy. Michael Keating.

1A. 1960, Start of Term.

R Allen, P Appleford, K Barnaville, K Barrs, ? Brennan, G Crowley, A Dawson, C Doble, T Garritty, P Gilmore, I Hamill, M Heart, ? Hearn, D Jacobs, A Keating, L Lake, R McCarthy, P McDermott, E McMahon, G McQuillan, P Morris, ? O'Brien, S O'Connell, P Paine, K Proctor, C Rifugiato, V Roskowski, R Speight, A Templeton, R Trawber, A Tworowski, M Wood.

A Templeton (one of two mates from Primary School, Corpus Christi, Brixton Hill) left 'As' early, to take up a career in the PRINT (the hot metal type. Historically, that came to an end in 1986).

Tommy Judge. You'll have to ask Tom. My recollection was, Tom started 'A's' late. The Stagecoach from York, was very slow in the late 50s/early 60s, due to fact that, it was difficult to maintain the horse relay stops and this only afforded a 'regular service' and never an 'express journey'. So, Tom arrived late for the start of term. Always announcing himself as "Tommy Judge, from Wath-on-Dearne."

Best. AK

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

# SPORTS REPORTS

My remaining elder brother appears on page 19, 1962 1st/11.

Top image, kneeling, extreme right.

He's still about, bungalowed-up, near you, close-by Angmering, West Sussex.

AK my Number One  
"Correspondent"





**After more than a decade of coming close, John Flynn has finally achieved golfing immortality by winning the COXA Stan Miller Stapleford Trophy.**

Played in excellent conditions, with temperatures reaching 28°C and only a light breeze to contend with, John produced a superb score of 41 Stableford points off a handicap of 18. His victory is particularly well deserved given his remarkable consistency over the years. During the last 12 years of this competition, John has averaged 36 points, a record surpassed only by **Mick McLoughlin**, whose average stands at an impressive 37 points. Persistence, it seems, does eventually pay off. **Mick O'Sullivan** also enjoyed an outstanding day, claiming the **Eamon Taggart Memorial Trophy** for Nearest the Pin and finishing runner-up in the Stableford competition. Not a bad return for a day's golf.

In the **Guest Competition**, **Conor Keable** played some excellent golf to secure victory with an impressive 44 Stableford points off a handicap of 16. The Guest Nearest the Pin competition was won by **David Hackshaw**, who distinguished himself by being the only player to find the green—a strategy that proved highly effective.

**The Team Competition was won by Mick McLoughlin, Tom Judge, James Bairstowe and John Flynn, rounding off an excellent day for the eventual individual champion.**

The day did not begin quite as smoothly as planned, with significant delays on the M25 affecting arrival times, pre-round routines and, in some cases, stress levels. Fortunately, once everyone reached the course, the traffic frustrations were quickly forgotten, and all participants enjoyed a memorable day of golf and good company.

We are pleased to confirm that next year's event has already been booked and will take place on Friday, 18 June 2027. **Finally, my sincere thanks to Mick Powell, Vic Roszkowski and Frank Barretta for their assistance throughout the day.** Your support is greatly appreciated. **Aidan**

**Stapleford 44 Conor Keable (G) 41 John Flynn 40 Mick O'Sullivan 39 Mick McLoughlin 37 Eamonn Kearns 35 Sarah North 34 Paul Smith 33 Tom Proxa, Louie Keable (G) 32 David Nathan, Del Rowlands (G) 31 Tom Judge, Andy McDonald, Dominic Taggart, Lloyd Cole (G) 30 James Bairstowe (G) 26 David Hackshaw (G) Spencer McGuire (12 holes only) 18 Micky Burke, Chris Smith 15 Frank Barretta DNF John Kateley (G) Frank Hixson**

**Team Competition 89 Mick McLoughlin, Tom Judge, James Bairstowe, John Flynn 87 Mick O'Sullivan, Sarah North, Chris Smith, Paul Smith 86 Dominic Taggart, Conor Keable, Louie Keable 76 Frank Barretta, David Nathan, Tom Proxa, Lloyd Cole 75 Andy McDonald, Eamonn Kearns, Micky Burke 71 Spencer McGuire, David Hackshaw, John Kateley, Del Rowland**

**The 2027 Battlefield Tour will be to Arras, France, staying at the Holiday Inn Express hotel in the town centre.**

The cost for the 4-day / 3-night trip will be £780 for a double or twin room; and £570 for a single. More details will follow but COXA has to pay the hotel deposit to hold our bookings. Money to be paid into the COXA Account..

**HSBC Balham - Sort Code: 400107 Account No: 90232459**

Thanks, Scotty..

If interested please email me on **donmiamac1234@sky.com**





## Notes from the Chairman and our Association Secretary



Our Chairman David Leathem noticed this sign outside a restaurant / bistro in Cambridge. It advertised Beef and Fillet steak from the famous Hixson Company in Smithfield, London. Famous for the Hixson Brothers, Frank, Paul and Tim. And of course the "Toms". They were famous butchers, but famous with the "Old Xaverians" for hundreds of Clapham goals. Three centre-forwards from the same family - unique.



### Notice of the Annual General Meetings of the Association and Sports and Social Club on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30 p.m.

Please visit the COXA website [www.claphamoldxaverians.co.uk](http://www.claphamoldxaverians.co.uk) for an active link to the meetings.

#### Zoom on-line meeting

Topic: COXA Annual General Meetings

Time: Oct 15, 2026 06:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82836794120?pwd=9JRkcamALNa8Y0HQ3kUy584UBgs9Wk.1>

Meeting ID: 828 3679 4120

Passcode: coxa

#### The COXA Annual Mass of Remembrance

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in the College Chapel, St Francis Xavier College, Malwood Road, SW12 8EN

Refreshments will be available in the College refectory after mass.

Thanks,  
Eddie

The Union Jack Club..or maybe NOT



**2027 Chairman's Winter Lunch..watch this space  
Decoration/ refurbishment at the Union Jack Club  
Will go ahead in January, Venue & Date to be decided.**



Scotty, for many years now Martin Armstrong of Old Suttonians always invited both **Colin Garvey** any myself to attend their annual dinner and awards night. In recent years at Cuddingham Golf Club in Banstead. It is a great event with lots of 'bon ami' especially from players we frequently dueled with in the 1970 and 80s . Perhaps the heyday of amateur football and social drinking post-match.

I was saddened to hear the from Martin of the recent death of **Ricky Leach**. He was a great guy. A tough and uncompromising centre back on the pitch and renowned for his famous withering 'one liners' during a match. Clapham always enjoyed Ricky's company especially when he and fellow Old Suttonian **Jay Lloyd** both got going in the bar. Ricky was great fun and epitomised the spirit old boys' football.

He was also an avid cricketer and he later became kit man for Surrey at the Oval. (Always keen to acknowledge and wave to old foe's remarks from the stand with great grace and understanding)



After his playing days he moved to Norfolk and in recent years had coronary problems which eventually led to his death.

What a great guy he was. May he rest in peace.

Eddie O'Brien



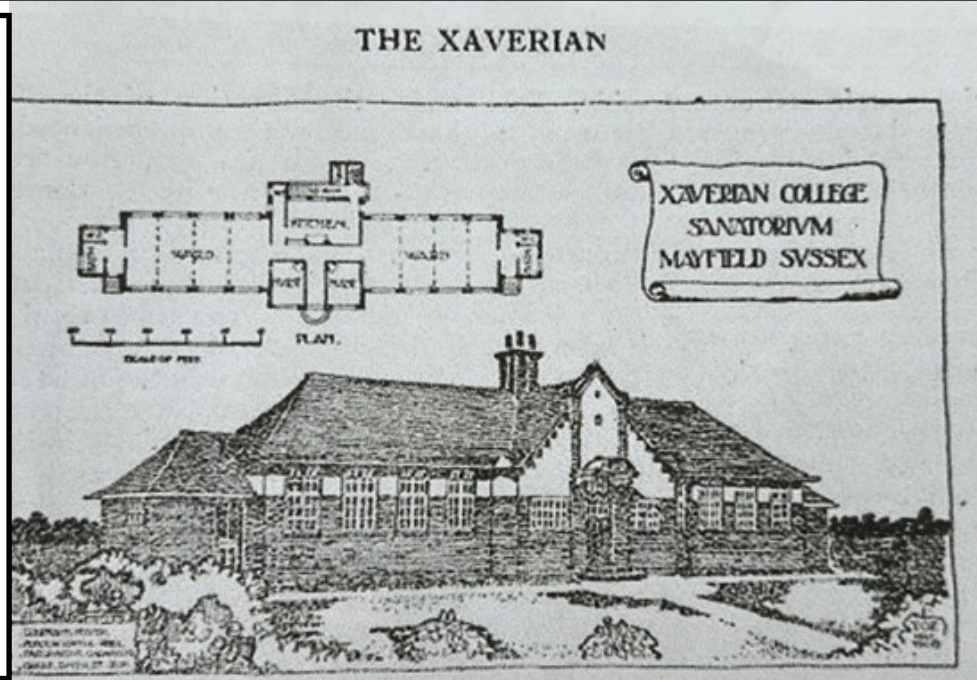
Gentlemen Yesterday, March 25th, was the occasion of yet another gathering, at Wetherspoon's, Clapham Junction, of the Class of '54. I'm delighted to be able to report that there were nine members present on this occasion, not bad I think when the **age range of 82 to 86** is taken into consideration. It's also pleasant to report that conversation covered a wide field, not by any means restricted to reminiscence and the same old stories. Those present were **Rich Clark, Tony Cleather, Tony Gilford, Peter Keenan, John Quirk, Phil Roderick-Jones, Ben Schwenk, Kevin Williamson** and your correspondent. Special thanks are due to Ben Schwenk and his good wife Mary, who in celebrating their sixty years of marriage provided an appropriate contribution to the cost of our afternoon's entertainment. We also raised our glasses to pay tribute to **John Rudd**, for many years a stalwart of our group, who sadly passed away just before Christmas. He will be sorely missed. Inevitably we also, a year on, remembered **Col Garvey** with continued affection. I would also like to thank all those present for their concern for my well-being following the loss of my dearly loved wife, **Carol**. We are all looking forward to our next meeting, scheduled for September 16th. Best wishes, **Peter Wills** {Clapham College Class of 1954}

Apologies were received (and accepted) from John Gilhooly, Tony Gray (we send our best wishes to Evelyne) and Martin McGrath.

Any news of other "Year Meetings" no matter how small [or insignificant] interest the Editor! share



Many “snippets” of COXA “history” in this, and forthcoming editions of Concordia, will be shared with Xaverians. It is from research at the KOPAC Institute in Belgium. These are rare “hidden” documents that need to be shared rather than “archived” - interesting?



The White House, as it became known, was not built to the extravagant ideas of the Architects. Who knows why they thought in the early 20th Century that a boys boarding school in the middle of the Kent countryside needed something that was almost hospital size. What were they expecting to happen, a 20th Century epidemic? They went ahead and built the house we see today at the back of the Brother's Cemetery. It is more of the size of a family home, when the College closed that's exactly what it became. The building would have been demolished.





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



[or letters to the Editor]



What is the history of Nightingale Lane?

The name Nightingale Lane is first known to have been recorded as Nechtungal Leane in 1543. The name is thought to derive from the Cnihtengild, a brotherhood of local knights who owned the land that would become the parish of St Botolph without Aldgate.



Lyrics >

This is a song about the greatest heartbreak I have ever known  
This song is called "Nightingale Lane."  
On a street in the South London suburbs  
Where my first love kissed me goodbye... [Full lyrics](#)

I'm not very technical, so I "Goggle things I don't understand...in the past it would have been referred to Encyclopedia Britannica. But now you can follow the link above to the song by "Raye" an influential singer who recently wrote performed and sang a song about our beloved Nightingale Lane. It was good, very good and for her efforts she was awarded a "Blue Plaque" on the Nightingale Pub, it was Clapham College boys fame - now "more so" Ed

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## Return to Clapham College – Centenary Celebration - 1st August

As part of our 100th Anniversary celebrations, we held a special reunion event at St. Francis Xavier College on Sat 1st August. **Returning to the site of Clapham College** was a marvelous opportunity for those who hadn't been back to the "old place" for years, taking a nostalgic stroll down memory lane. A variety of exhibitions from the COXA Archive were on display. The Principal and Premises Officers at SFX gave us full access to the College. This event took place just as this edition of Concordia was going "to Print"; space was not available to fully report on the function. If you do have photos, or stories from the day, please share with me, for the Christmas Concordia, thanks Scotty [coxascottieditor@hotmail.com](mailto:coxascottieditor@hotmail.com)



Matt Benedict and Andy Brannon..a great snap ["selfie"] ..now I need a story - Scotty



Let's remember **John Rudd** and also the sacrifices of **Alan & Frank**.



*In Loving Memory*

*John Peter Rudd*

23rd April, 1943 – 21st December, 2025



Starchy and Hutch

Two proper "cowboys" who kept this club alive for two decades. Never forget the sacrifices **Alan** and **Frank** made over the years so "we" could have the luxury of "Norbury". They were followed by **Eddie**...we owe them a real debt!!



# Chauffeur's Flat - COXA Walk & Garden Visit 2026



The Chauffeur's Flat will be open to the general public specifically for the National Garden Scheme Charity on:

Friday 8th May - 10am - 5pm  
 Saturday 9th May - 10am - 5pm  
 Sunday 10th May - 10am - 5pm  
 Adults £5, Children Free  
 Home-made Teas (Cash Only)

WALK AND PRIVATE COXA VISIT  
 # Friday 22nd May #

This being the 100-year anniversary of COXA, Scotty recently asked about the possible combination of a ramble and a visit to Jake's garden. Vic, Scotty and I have agreed on a circular walk from/to Godstone via Tandridge where we will divert to Jake's Garden. The walk is approximately 4 miles. The planned date is Friday, the 22nd May, with a 10.30ish start, the garden visit 11.30ish to 1.30ish and completion of the walk at 3pm

## COXA Visit to Jake Richins Garden on the 22nd May with Walk and Private Visit.



A wonderful day out, great hosts and a resident poet. Everything we need for

### THE RAMBLING COXAS

Whilst on a circular Godstone walk.  
 The halfway stop to be.  
 Was at Tandridge village  
 To see the Richins in their garden  
 As Jake is known to thee.  
 For a hidden beautiful event with  
 Ashdown Forest views.  
 It's always good for a picnic  
 With an acre and a half to peruse.

Scotty rushed from Turkey  
 Where he had enjoyed a holiday in the ruin.  
 For one of the highlights of his year  
 Meeting of many friends again.  
 With wives and partners too.

Bringing cakes and goodies,  
 Also Jake's Bakewell and famous rock cakes  
 Including cups of tea.

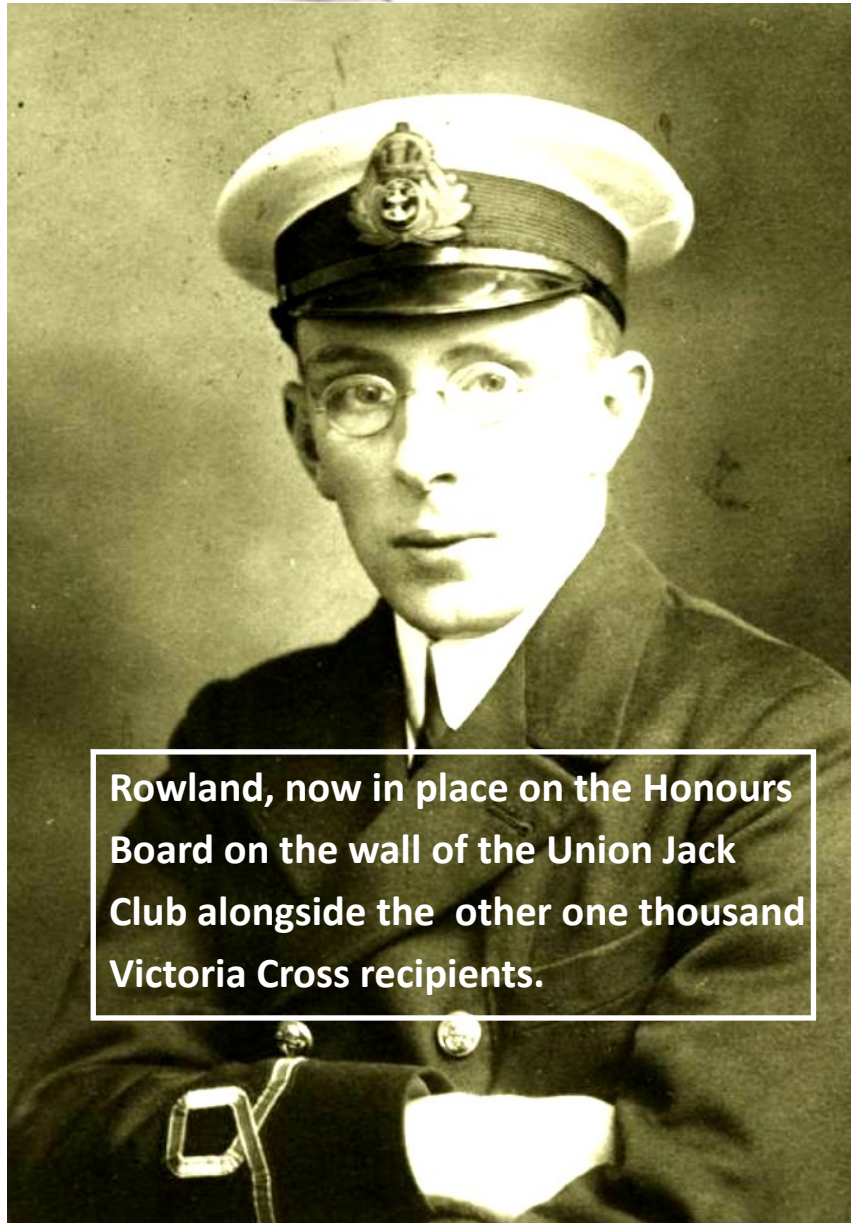
A perfect day-weather fine  
 Congenial company: catching up with news first  
 So happy, times just flew.

Jake and Her Indoors reluctantly said their goodbyes  
 Everybody had all chipped in.  
 Having a glorious time.  
 But fortunately memories last  
 Completing a wonderful day.

ALL THE BEST FROM JAKE  
 AND HER INDOORS,



# Rowland Bourke and his medals - led by that Victoria Cross



Rowland, now in place on the Honours Board on the wall of the Union Jack Club alongside the other one thousand Victoria Cross recipients.

- **Victoria Cross**
- **Companion of the Distinguished Service Order**
- **British War Medal**
- **Victory Medal with Mention in Dispatches oak leaf Clasp**
- **Canadian Volunteer Service Medal**
- **War Medal 1939-1945**
- **King George VI Coronation Medal**
- **Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Medal**
- **Chevaliers de la Légion d'honneur**