

CLAPHAM XAVERIANS

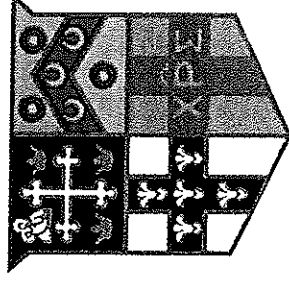
1897-1997

THE EXHIBITION

An exhibition of photographs, magazines, trophies and other items was put on in Broadoak, Nightingale Lane, the former Xaverian Brothers' House, from

Monday, September 22nd, to Saturday, September 27th, illustrating various aspects of the history of Clapham College and of Clapham Old Xaverians.

We are indebted to the late Bill Madigan OBE, Cecil Pocock, Fr. Warrilow, Bro. Bernard Philpott, Bob Collins and others who generously donated items for the exhibition and to Bernie Borland and the staff of the St. Francis Xavier College for their generous support and co-operation.



Concordia res parvae crescunt

CENTENARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Friday, September 26th 1997

CENTENARY DINNER

Saturday, September 27th 1997
at

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE
MALWOOD ROAD, LONDON SW12

CLAPHAM COLLEGE: A CHRONOLOGY

- 1846** Xaverian Brothers come to England from Belgium.
c1880 Xaverian School opened in St. Phillip's Square, Battersea.
1896 19th March: Xaverian Brothers buy Broadoak, Nightingale Hall, Nightingale Lane, Clapham Common (built c.1877).
 Chapel, dormitories and classrooms built.
1897 25th August: Chapel dedicated.
 15th September: School opened for fee-paying day boys and boarders: 30 pupils in first entry.
1905 Br. Gabriel, Headmaster: Patron Saint, St. Joseph: named 'Clapham College'.
 Br. Cuthbert, Headmaster: Chemistry laboratory built: playing fields at Norbury acquired.
1919 Br. Vincent, Headmaster: Hollywood bought (built c.1783).
1922 Br. Bernardine, Headmaster: 276 on roll.
1924 Vacant possession of Hollywood obtained. A Preparatory department is opened therein.
1927 The Clapham Old Xaverians' Association was established.
1932 Boarders are no longer taken: 200 day boys on roll.
1937 230 boys on roll.
1939 Evacuation to East Grinstead.
1940 Br. Nicholas, Headmaster.
1944 Evacuation to Taunton.
1945 April – Return to Clapham. School becomes a voluntary Grammar School under the 1944 Education Act. Fees now paid by the Local Authority: the Preparatory School comes to an end.
1947 The Golden Jubilee of the School is celebrated: plans for a new building are published.
1949 Br. Joseph, Headmaster.
1950 338 boys on roll.
1953 Br. Peter, Headmaster.
1960 School magazine 'The Clapham Xaverian' begins publication.
1970 Mr. C. Pocock, Headmaster.
1975 St. Gerard's School, Clapham Common, South Side, is merged with Clapham College. Mr. M. Gleeson, Headmaster of St. Gerard's becomes Headmaster of combined schools.
1976 New school buildings are opened in the grounds of Clapham College, Broadoak is given up and Hollywood used as a temporary 6th form block.
1977 Hollywood is given up and the Chapel and Old School building are re-conditioned and re-opened, 1,000 boys on roll.
1983 July – Mr. C. Pocock, Deputy Headmaster, retires.
1984 December – Mr. M. Gleeson retires.
1985 January – Mr. R. Sparks, Headmaster.
 July – Clapham College closes on the Clapham site to re-open in September on the site of Notre Dame Girls School, Battersea.
1986 September – St. Francis Xavier College opens. Mr. B. Snalune, Principal.
 The Notre Dame Convent is sold. Pupils move into the I.L.E.A. building in Raywood Street, Battersea.
1988 October – Remaining school, boys and staff, spend a week in Italy to mark forthcoming closure.
1989 July – Final closure of Clapham College.
1993 April – St. Francis Xavier becomes part of further education sector.
1994 April – Mr. B. Borland, Principal of St. Francis Xavier.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

CONCELEBRATED BY

- The Rev. Fr. Michael Chandler, OFM Cap.
 The Very Rev. John Condon, OFM Cap.
 The Rev. Fr. Michael Creech, CSsR.
 The Rev. Fr. Terence Creech, CSsR.
 The Rev. Fr. James Cronin, LCL, MCL.
 The Rev. Fr. Patrick Houlihan, WF.
 The Rt. Rev. Mgr. Cyril Canon Murtagh.
 The Rev. Fr. David O'Connell.
 The Very Rev. Garry Canon Pierce.
 The Rev. Fr. Anthony Richins, BA, FCP.

BUFFET MENU

- Dressed Salmon
 Marinated Crab Claws with Coriander and Chilli
 Marinated New Zealand Mussel Mediterranean Prawns
 Barbecued Chicken Drumsticks
 Dressed Honey Roast Ham
 Vegetarian Pastries with Boursin Cheese
 Vegetarian Canapés
 Selection of Five Salads
 Chocolate Profiteroles
 Selection of Gateaus
 Cheese and Biscuits

DINNER MENU

Fruit Refresher	
❖	
Lamb en Croûte with Rosemary and Port Sauce	
❖	
Selection of Vegetables	
❖	
Apple Pie and Custard	
❖	
Cheese and Biscuits	
❖	
Coffee	

The Very Rev. John Condon, OFM Cap.
will say grace

THE LOYAL TOAST AND WELCOME TO GUESTS –
Brian Sanders, Chairman, Clapham Old Xaverians' Association.

TOAST TO CLAPHAM XAVERIANS –
Mr. Cecil Pocock, former Headmaster, Clapham College.

WINES

Morgon AC A. Montessuy
Petit Chablis AC Paul Deloux
C.O.X.A. Port
Martell V.S. Cognac

RESPONSE –
Bro. Bernard Philpott, CFX, Former Member of Staff,
Clapham College.

CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS' ASSOCIATION

The Association has now been in existence for seventy years. Its aims, of necessity modified in recent years, are:

- To maintain friendly relations between Old Xaverians, the St. Francis Xavier Sixth Form College and the feeder schools.
- To assist the St. Francis Xavier Sixth Form College in all ways possible.
- To provide facilities for sporting, social, religious and other activities.

At present the Association runs seven football and three cricket teams and has a golf section. The football and cricket sections have annual tours at home and overseas.

It plays annual football and cricket matches against the Sixth Form College, and has its own clubhouse at 37 County Road, Norbury CR7 8HN.

The Association organises a yearly programme of social events and celebrates the Annual Mass in the chapel of the Sixth Form College every Remembrance Sunday at 11.00am.

CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS' ASSOCIATION CHAIRMEN

1928-31	W. T. J. Donovan	1955-58	Denis Quin
1931-32	The Rev. Bro.	1958-59	Frank Mulvihill
	Aloysius C.F.X.	1959-60	Ron Lewis
1933-34	The Rev. Bro.	1960-61	Brian Sanders
	Bernardine C.F.X.	1961-64	John Crouch
1939-45	The War Years	1964-66	Pat Griffin
1945-46	Horace Davies	1966-68	Ted Hayter
1946-47	Bill Donovan	1968-71	Tony Morrish
1947-48	John Pinder	1971-74	John Keenan
1948-49		1974-75	Tom Ennis
1949-50		1975-79	Dave Martin
1950-51	John Woollard	1979-83	Mick Powell
1951-52	J. J. Wilson	1983-86	Alan Webber
1952-53	Alan Thomas	1986-91	John Mansi
1953-55	Tony Kirkdale	1991-97	Brian Sanders

We sincerely apologise if, through incomplete records, there are any errors or omissions in the above list.